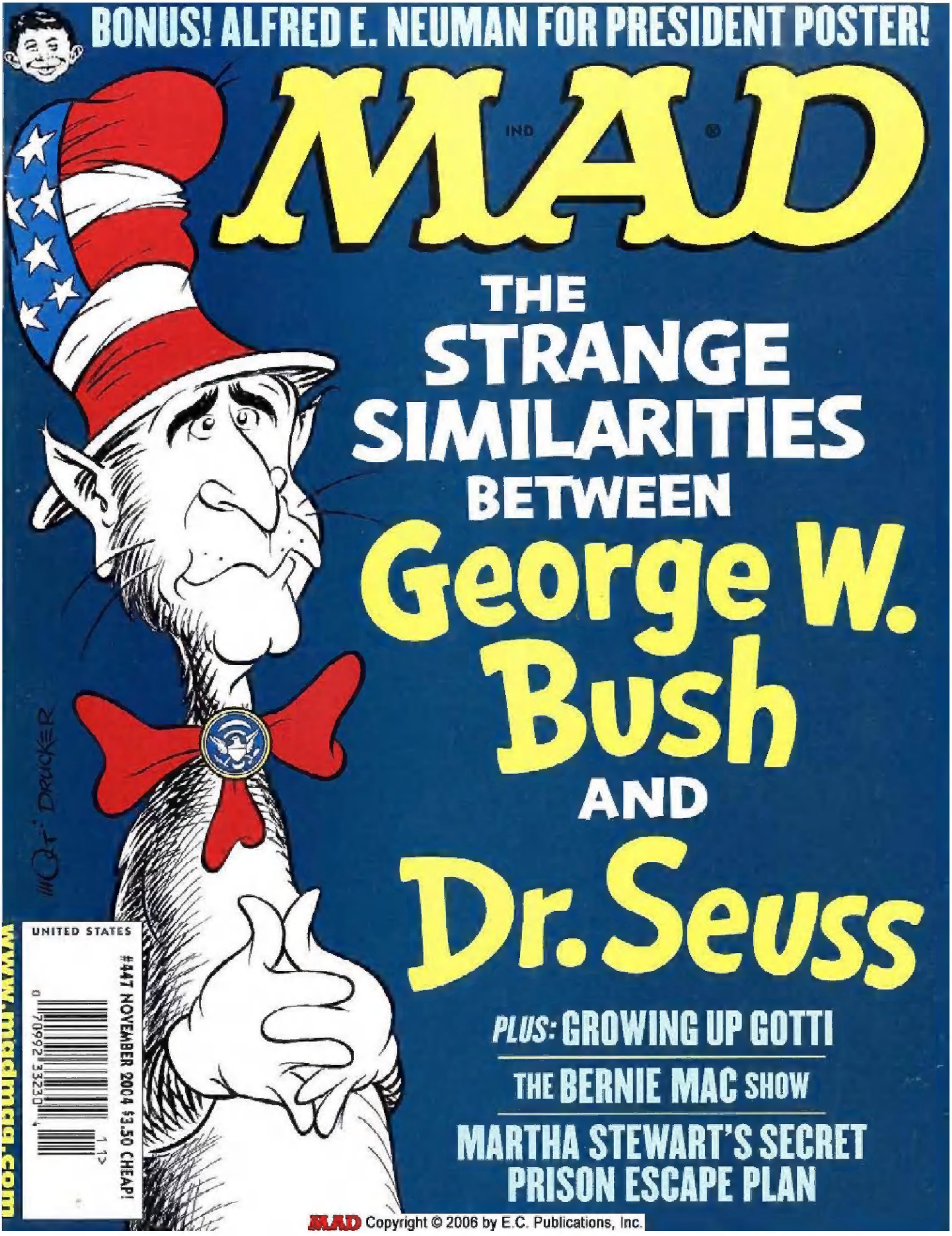
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DEPARTMENT OF TOMATOES AND LETTERS

SHRINK CRAP

I started reading MAD at the same time I started therapy. Thanks, I learned to laugh.

Ruth Unterberg, New York, NY

Raise the Ruth — As long as you keep reading MAD until you *are done with* therapy, we'll have a life-long reader! —Ed.

THE WEAKEST LINKIN

You know what's cool? Monroe likes Linkin Park. Yeah, that's cool — Linkin Park is one of my favorite bands. You know, you should try to mention Linkin Park in MAD more often!

Joshua Swenink, Spring Valley, CA

Josh Kidding — Well, it looks like you've done that for us! Now we can take the rest of the day off and go to the water park! We join you in giving a big shout out to Chad Kroeger and the boys! —Ed.

C.O. PEEVED

Torissa Tsai of New York, NY took this picture during a protest at the Republican National Convention in NYC. We protest the unauthorized use of our copyrighted logo!

MAD POLITICAL CELEBRITY SNAPS

Perhaps you could take lessons on creative thinking from Congressman Dennis Kucinich, one of the few politicians who thinks and acts outside the box!

Rachel Combelic, Longmont, CO

Comb-Over — When we got your letter, our first reaction was "Dennis who?" Then we saw the picture and we realized you were talking about that creepy little guy who somehow managed to have less personality than John Kerry! While it's too late for him this time around, allow us to be the first to say "Vote Dennis Kitchensink 2008!" —Ed.

Dennis Kucinich and Rachel

Barbara Bush and Kenichi

Here's the photo I took with former First Lady and mother of the current President, Barbara Bush. I worked for many high-ranking Republican officials and Mrs. Bush was kind enough to take the photo with me and my MAD.

Kenichi Ota, Los Angeles, CA

Next of Ken — Hold the phone! We just realized that if you're Kenichi and she's Barbara, that makes the two of you Ken and Barbie! However, we just don't think you two have a Malibu dream house in your future! Congratulations on your one-year MAD subscription and in the immortal words of Styx, domo arigato, Mr. Ken Ota! —Ed.

Living in Israel, I don't get many chances to see celebrities, so when I heard that Arnold Schwarzenegger was coming to Israel, I planned to do what ever it took to get a Celebrity Snap with him. I had to fight my way through insane metal detectors, intrusive police dogs sniffing for bombs, macho Israeli soldiers, uptight American bodyguards (to whom I pretended I didn't speak English — it's a game we Israelis play with Americans) and worst of all — politicians! I went through all that, so when the governor saw that I had a MAD magazine that spoofed him in *Batman and Robin* he pushed it away!

Ira Kirschner, Maale Adumin, Israel

An obviously displeased Gov. Schwarzenegger and Ira

Melissa, a giddy Gray Davis and Jason

This is me and my girlfriend, Melissa, with Gray Davis at the Oakland airport. We were on our way to Hollywood, so I brought my MAD with me just in case we saw someone famous. We didn't see anyone in Hollywood, but Gray was nice enough to pose with us!

Jason Hajostek, Concord, CA

Dr. J and Captain Kirsch — From the stories you two just related, it seems that deposed California Governor Gray Davis is a friendly, down-to-earth man of the people. Current Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, on the other hand, is apparently a power-crazed, strong — armed thug. We hope you are happy with the choice you made, California! And Jason, we hope that after your skycap, Gray, helped with your luggage, you threw a couple of bucks his way! Congrats on your one-year subscription, Jason — and Ira, better luck next time! —Ed.

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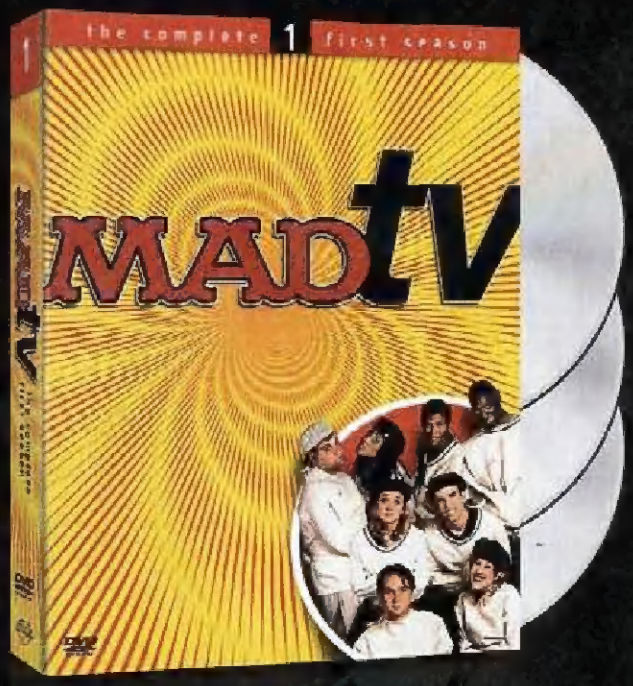

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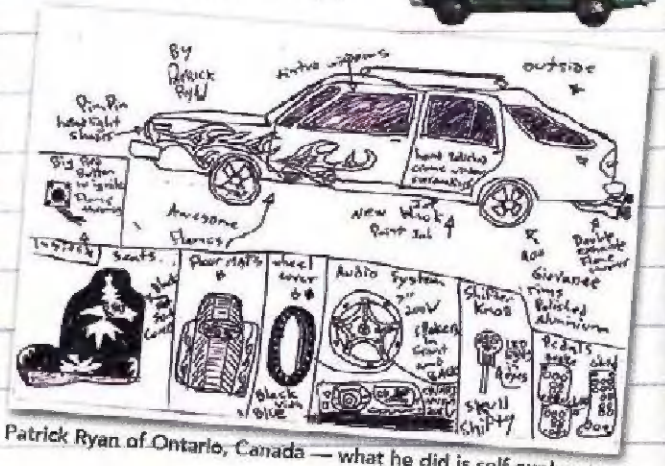
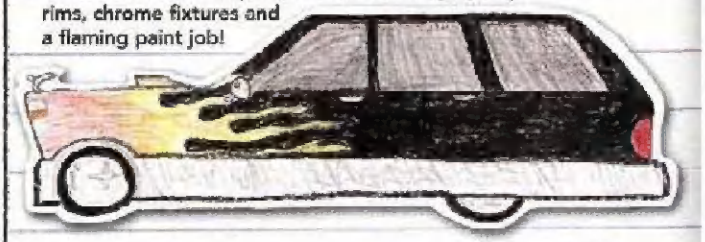
THE BIG PIMP OUT

Back in MAD #444, we asked readers to "pimp out" B.J. Kuxhausen's 1976 Datsun 710 wagon — and pimp they did! So now we're forced to hold up our end of the bargain and print some of the "best" designs we received! Enjoy!



Patrick Ryan of Ontario, Canada — what he did is self-explanatory!

Hank Duden of Annapolis, MD added shiny, spinny rims, chrome fixtures and a flaming paint job!



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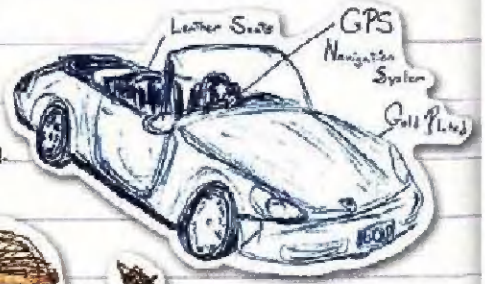
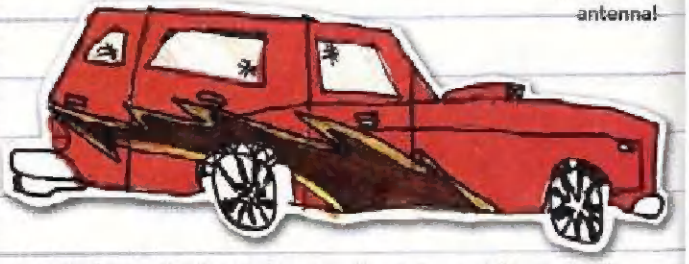


Karen Lilly of Canyon Lake, CA installed a barbeque on top, and put a brand new Jack in the Box antenna on the radio antenna!



Ben Ross of Atlanta, GA gave the car a cool flame decal, Lamborghini doors, 26" Spinnerz rims, red paint, an engine [illegible] tinted windows and a huge exhaust pipe!

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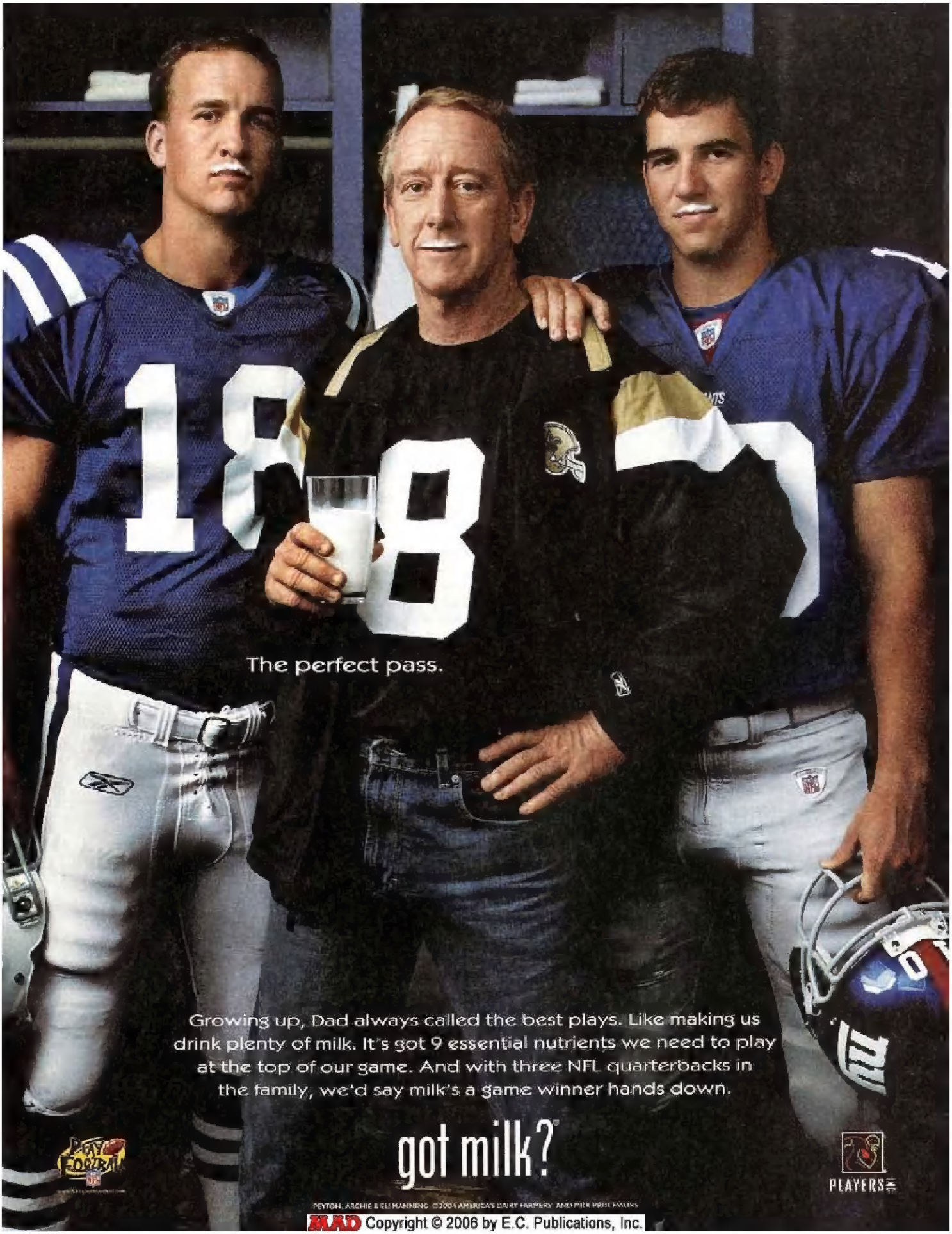
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The Big Easel

Here's my little buddy holding a piece of scrimshaw done on woolly mammoth ivory! It's about the size of a pencil eraser! Since "Micro-Scrimshaw" is my profession, I couldn't waste time doing this any larger! In fact, since I'm self-employed, I fired myself for doing this on company time!

Bob Hergert, Port Orford, OR

Hergie — Of the countless entries we get in the medium of woolly mammoth ivory, yours is by far the best we received. In fact, it was so good, we considered printing the entire magazine on woolly mammoth ivory. Much to our dismay, it would have cost upwards of $47,000 to print a single issue (and the fold-in would be remarkably hard to do). You can check out Bob's other work at www.scrimshander.com! —Ed.

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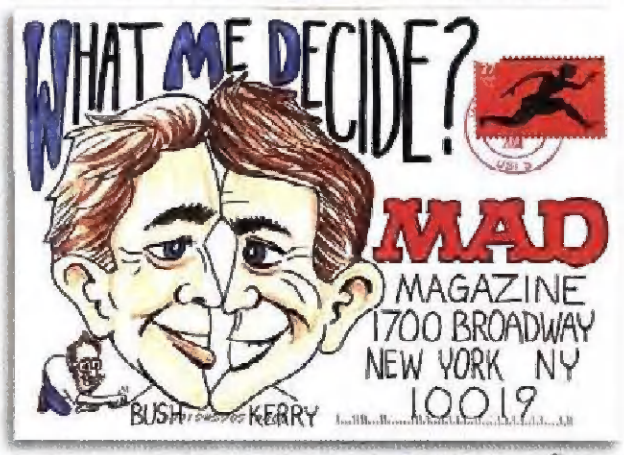

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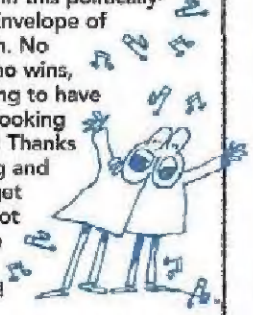
Tom Anderson of Ukiah, CA sends in this politically-charged Envelope of the Month. No matter who wins, we're going to have a creepy looking President! Thanks for writing and don't forget to vote (not applicable if you're under 18)!



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Jem Densmore, Plano, TX

Aunt Jemima — To be honest, we don't care if you stop reading MAD, just so long as you don't stop *buying* MAD! —Ed.

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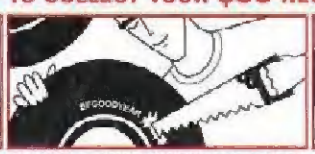

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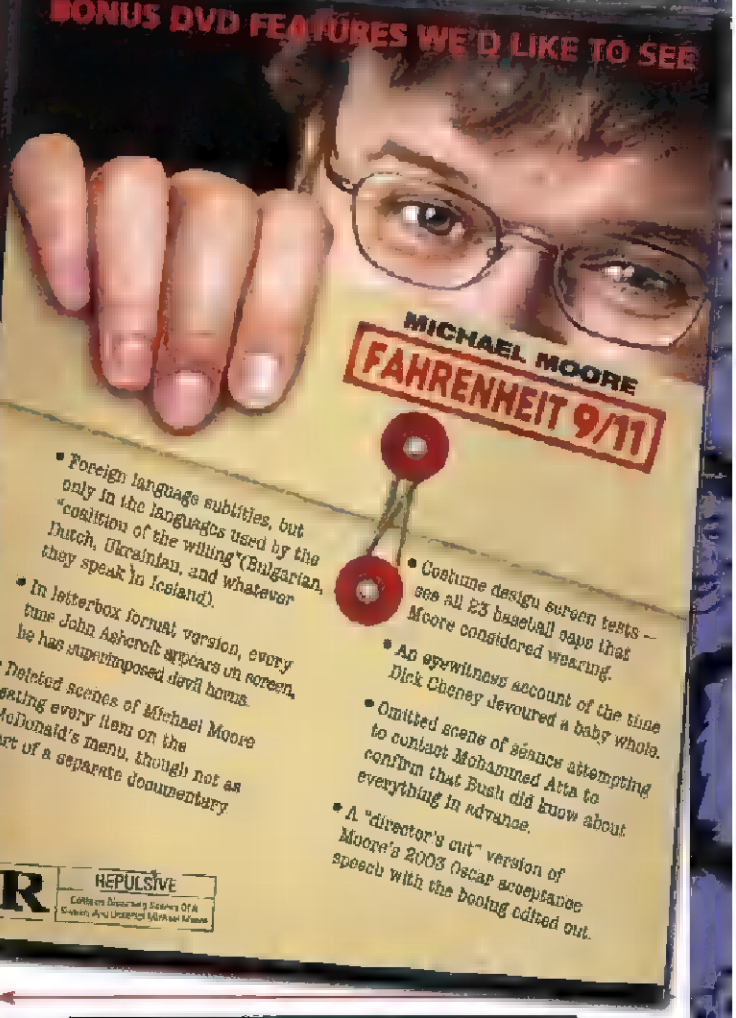

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- In letterbox format, version, every time John Ashcroft appears on screen, he has superimposed devil horns.
- Deleted scenes of Michael Moore eating every item on the McDonald's menu, though not as part of a separate documentary.
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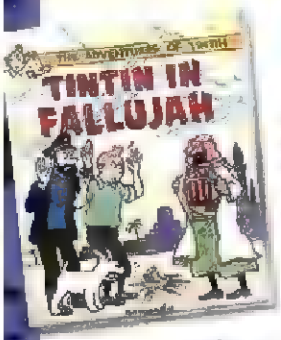

It all began with a boy and his dog. But implied bestiality is only a small part of the enduring appeal of Tintin. The intrepid reporter, or explorer, or whatever the hell job he's got, has been thrilling fans with his globetrotting adventures for 75 years now. That's 525 in Snowy years...isn't it about time that dog got put down?

Well, the world has changed. And there's no reason why a personality-free cipher like Tintin shouldn't change with it. In the first new Tintin book since 1976, the gang makes its way to wartorn Iraq, in search of stolen blueprints or some crap. The motivation is a bit hazy, as the book begins in typical Tintin mode, with all the characters falling down staircases in endlessly comic fashion. After 30 pages of this Belgian hilarity, the adventure proper begans.

Arriving at Baghdad Airport, Tintin receives his first setback when his taxi driver turns out to be a suicide bomber. Luckily, the gang escapes with just a few bumps and scrapes, not counting Snowy's massive injuries. The white pup's blindness and internal bleeding are played for big laughs later on.

Of course, it wouldn't be "Tintin" without the zany clash of cultures! When that lovable rogue Captain Haddock gets drunk in violation of Muslim law, the local authorities have no choice but to lop off his drinking hand. You can imagine the colorful language the good Captain would let loose on his punishers...if only they hadn't also scared his tongue with hot coals!

Another crazy mix-up occurs later in the story, when the bumbling Thompson twins are beheaded by their fundamentalist captors. Suffice to say that reuniting the correct heads with the original bodies is no easy task!

But since this is fiction, the story ends cheerfully, with all the characters leaving Iraq like they said they would.

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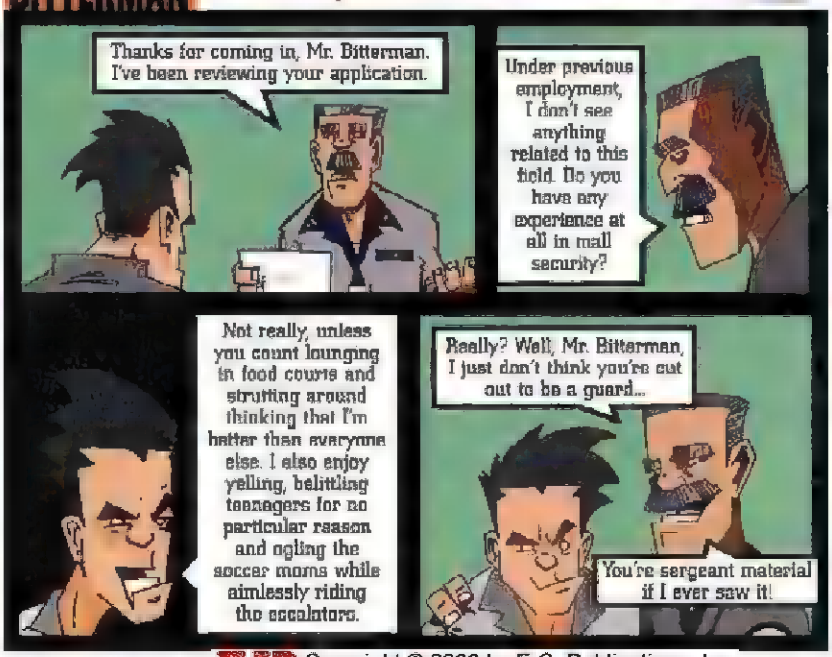
Great snakes! I know Chemical Ali doused my eyes with monkeypox spores, but am I seeing things?
Tintin! What a pleasure to see you! We're stuck in this sweating mound of naked man-flesh!
To be precise, man-flesh gives us pleasure!
BOUM
Blistering barnacles! Those visigoths! Troglodytes! Bawitdaba! Romijn-Stamos!
Crumbs! That car-bomb disemboweled everybody within a half-mile radius, except for us. What amazing luck!
Hello, what's that you've found, Snowy?
It's the Iraqi Governing Council! Or what's left of them, anyway!

BITTERMAN


Thanks for coming in, Mr. Bitterman. I've been reviewing your application.
Under previous employment, I don't see anything related to this field. Do you have any experience at all in mall security?
Not really, unless you count lounging in food courts and strutting around thinking that I'm better than everyone else. I also enjoy yelling, belittling teenagers for no particular reason and ogling the soccer moms while aimlessly riding the escalators.
Really? Well, Mr. Bitterman, I just don't think you're cut out to be a guard...
You're sergeant material if I ever saw it!

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Which of the 5 choices best completes this phrase?

__?__ RY WILL GET YOU NOWHERE

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YES NO

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YES NO

Does his entire state cabinet now consist of a Cowboy, a Sailor, a Cop, a Construction Worker, an Indian Chief and a Biker?

YES NO

On the campaign trail, has he switched from kissing babies to trying to make out with their fathers?

YES NO

Does he insist that all state functions be planned around his viewing schedule of *Will & Grace* reruns?

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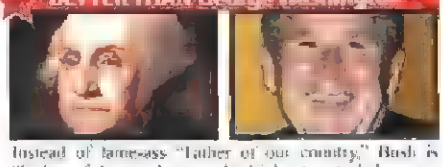
IT'S HATING MAD TIME!

President George W. Bush once said we'll have to wait for history to judge his presidency.

HOW GEORGE W. BUSH "STACKS UP"

BETTER THAN George Washington

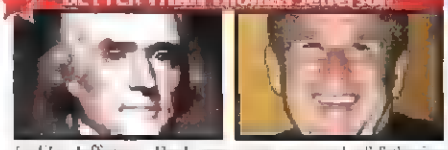


Instead of lame-ass "Father of our country," Bush is "Father of the two horniest, drinkin'-est party-babes ever to live in the White House"!

WORSE THAN John Adams

Adams was the first President to move into the White House...Bush is the first President to spend so much time on vacation and at fundraisers he's hardly ever *in* the White House!

BETTER THAN Thomas Jefferson



Unlike Jefferson, Bush was never accused of fathering an illegitimate child by one of his female slaves (at least he wasn't the last time we checked the daily anti-Bush press release from MoveOn.org)!

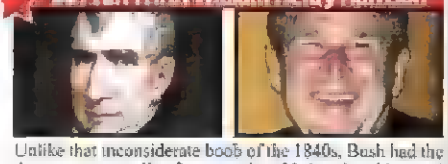
WORSE THAN Andrew Jackson

Jackson was a champion of the common man; Bush, of the common man in India, Taiwan, Mexico, China and any other country American jobs have been outsourced to!

BETTER THAN Martin Van Buren

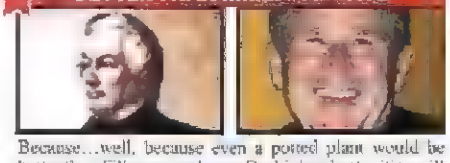
We just never liked that balding douchebag Van Buren!

BETTER THAN William Henry Harrison



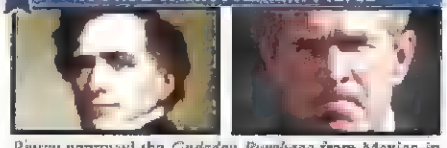
Unlike that inconsiderate boob of the 1840s, Bush had the decency to stay alive for more than 30 days into his term!

BETTER THAN Millard Fillmore



Because...well, because even a potted plant would be better than Fillmore, and even Bush's harshest critics will agree he's *at least* the equivalent of a potted plant!

WORSE THAN Franklin Pierce



Pierce approved the *Gadsden Purchase* from Mexico in 1853; Bush is still looking for the state of *Gadsden* on a U.S. map!

BETTER THAN James Buchanan

Only because Buchanan shares the same last name as that right wing nutjob Pat Buchanan, and *anybody's* better than him!

BETTER THAN Rutherford B. Hayes

If Hayes had had the foresight to get his brother elected Governor of Florida before 1876, he could've stolen the election without having to stuff the ballot boxes in Oregon, South Carolina and Louisiana, too!

WORSE THAN James Garfield

In order to prevent a repeat of Garfield's assassination by a disappointed office-seeker, Bush went ahead and hired every single unqualified nutcase who wanted to work in his administration!

WORSE THAN Chester Arthur

Arthur — muttonchops; Bush — muttonhead!

WORSE THAN Theodore Roosevelt

During the Spanish-American War, Teddy led his Army troops up San Juan Hill; during Vietnam, Bush led his Alabama National Guard buddies to the nearest bar every night!

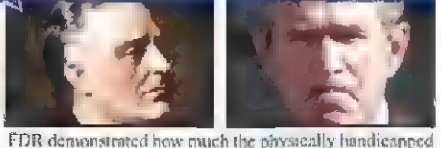
WORSE THAN William Taft

Even though Taft's massive waistline provided plenty of "fat-joke" fodder, gag-writers and standup comedians of the 1910s would've given their right arm for a "walking punchline" of a President like Bush!

BETTER THAN Woodrow Wilson

In terms of sophomoric, dirty double-entendre-sounding names, "Bush" trumps "Woodrow" every time!

WORSE THAN Franklin D. Roosevelt



FDR demonstrated how much the physically handicapped can do; Bush does so for the mentally handicapped!

WORSE THAN Harry Truman

Truman had a sign on his desk reading, "The buck stops here." Bush's sign reads, "Ask Rumsfeld or Cheney"!

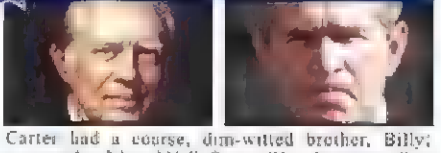
BETTER THAN Dwight Eisenhower

Did you see that amazing tee shot of Bush's in the movie *Fahrenheit 9/11*? And Eisenhower had the nerve to call himself "The Golfing President"!

BETTER THAN Gerald Ford

If only by the sheer volume of laugh-out-loud raw material for their respective blooper reels!

WORSE THAN Jimmy Carter



Carter had a course, dim-witted brother, Billy; compared to Jeb and Neil, George W. is the course, dim-witted brother!

WORSE THAN Ronald Reagan

Whoever operated Reagan's mouth and strings did a WAY better job than the one working Bush's!

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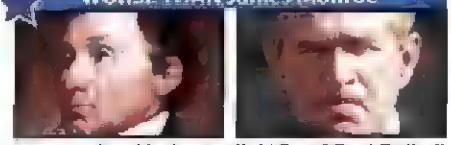
AGAINST THE OTHER 42 U.S. PRESIDENTS

WORSE THAN James Madison

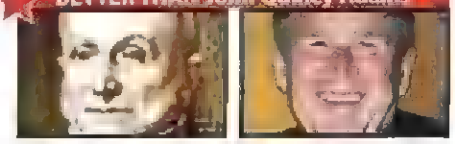
It never even *occurred* to Madison to brag about winning the War of 1812 by putting on an admiral's uniform, sailing to the largest Navy ship and then strut around in front of a huge "Mission Accomplished!" sign!

WORSE THAN James Monroe



Monroe ushered in the so-called "Era of Good Feeling" between the opposing political parties. Bush also ushered in an era of good feeling, but only among his millionaire fat-cat buddies with his massive tax cuts for the rich!

BETTER THAN John Quincy Adams



Adams went swimming, naked, in the Potomac River *every day*; Bush hasn't done that once since he quit drinking!

BETTER THAN John Tyler

Tyler fathered 15 children — *none* of whom could hold a candle to Jenna and Barbara Bush when it came to making fake I.D.s!

BETTER THAN James Polk

At least Bush has the decency to stage *his* unnecessary and unprovoked wars thousands of miles away, instead of right on our own borders with Mexico!

WORSE THAN Zachary Taylor

Former military man Taylor knew virtually nothing about the political process before being elected President, but learned quickly, while Bush is *still* pretty clueless three and a half years into the job!

WORSE THAN Abraham Lincoln

While Lincoln held together the Union with everything in his power, Bush is dividing it just by being himself!

WORSE THAN Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson may have been impeached and escaped conviction by only one senate vote, but Bush "won" the Presidency by only one Supreme Court vote!

BETTER THAN Ulysses S. Grant

Grant was crooked, inept and alcoholic; Bush is a *recovering* alcoholic!

WORSE THAN Grover Cleveland

Cleveland was the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms (#22 and #24); Bush still has to look up "non-consecutive," then schedule some time to practice pronouncing it!

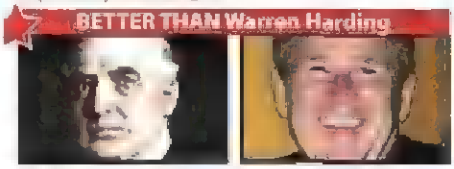
WORSE THAN Benjamin Harrison

Harrison was the first ■ spend over $1 billion on the federal budget; Bush spent that much on just one "no-bid" contract for a company run by his cronies!

BETTER THAN William McKinley

McKinley never would've gotten assassinated by that anarchist in 1901 if he had just thrown him and all his ilk into heavily-fenced-in "Free Speech Zones," like Bush!

BETTER THAN Warren Harding



Harding surrounded himself with crooked lackies who cut deals with shady characters from self-serving business interests; Bush cut out all the duplication and rolled all of those into a single position...the Vice Presidency!

WORSE THAN Calvin Coolidge

Coolidge had to "clean up" the Oval Office after Harding; Bush just had to clean up the Oval Office *carpet* after Clinton!

BETTER THAN Herbert Hoover

If Hoover had had Bush's talent for spin-doctoring, he would've called The Great Depression "The Great On-the-Verge-of-an-Improving-Economy"!

WORSE THAN John Kennedy

Even with *conclusive* spy-satellite photos showing Soviet nuclear weapons being moved into Cuba, Kennedy was able ■ resist plunging America into war!

BETTER THAN Lyndon Johnson

Unlike LBJ, Bush was never implicated in JFK assassination conspiracy theories — not even by Oliver Stone or Michael Moore!

WORSE THAN Richard Nixon

Both presided over hugely unpopular wars...both had administrations full of crooks. The tie-breaker? Nixon got his picture taken with ELVIS!!!

BETTER THAN George Herbert Walker Bush

George W. has NEVER vomited on another world leader like his Dad did — in spite of such irresistible "puke inducers" as Tony Blair's bad British teeth and the deadly "jalapeño breath" of Mexican President Vicente Fox!

WORSE THAN Bill Clinton

If Bush were as incredibly convincing as Clinton when telling a lie, the U.N. and all our European allies would have invaded Iraq along with us, and it'd be mostly [illegible]

BETTER THAN Al Gore

Even though Gore won the election, Bush somehow wound up in the Oval Office — and it takes a real genius to do that!

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Halloween is fast approaching, and you know what that means (Besides carving a pumpkin using the all-new Spy Vs. Spy Jack-O-Lantern stencil FREE in MAD XL #30, on sale NOW!): choosing a costume. Frankenstein and Dracula are old school! Alien? Predator? Fugheddaboutit! And do you really want to go as Skeletor for the *third* year in a row? No, you want to pick one of the fresh, new, candy-collectingest styles from our Fall collection of...

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ENGORGED OLYMPIC ATHLETE'S STEROID-LADEN URINE SAMPLE

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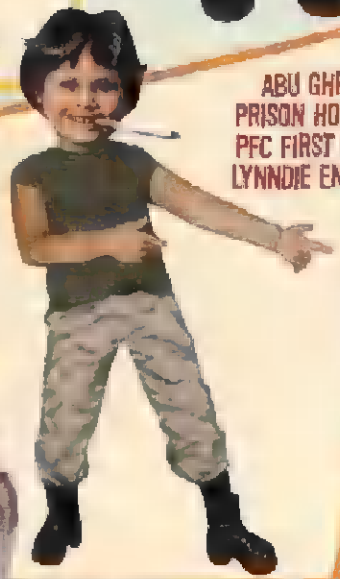

THE COCAINE-ADDLED GHOST OF RICK JAMES

POUNDS OF FAT LOST BY TRIMPA HEIFER ANNA NICOLE SMITH

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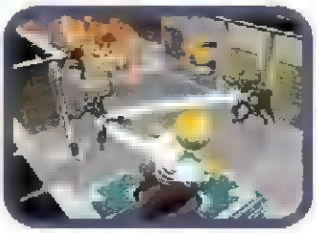
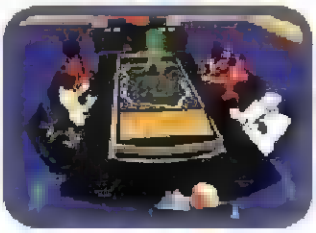
GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INNER EVIL





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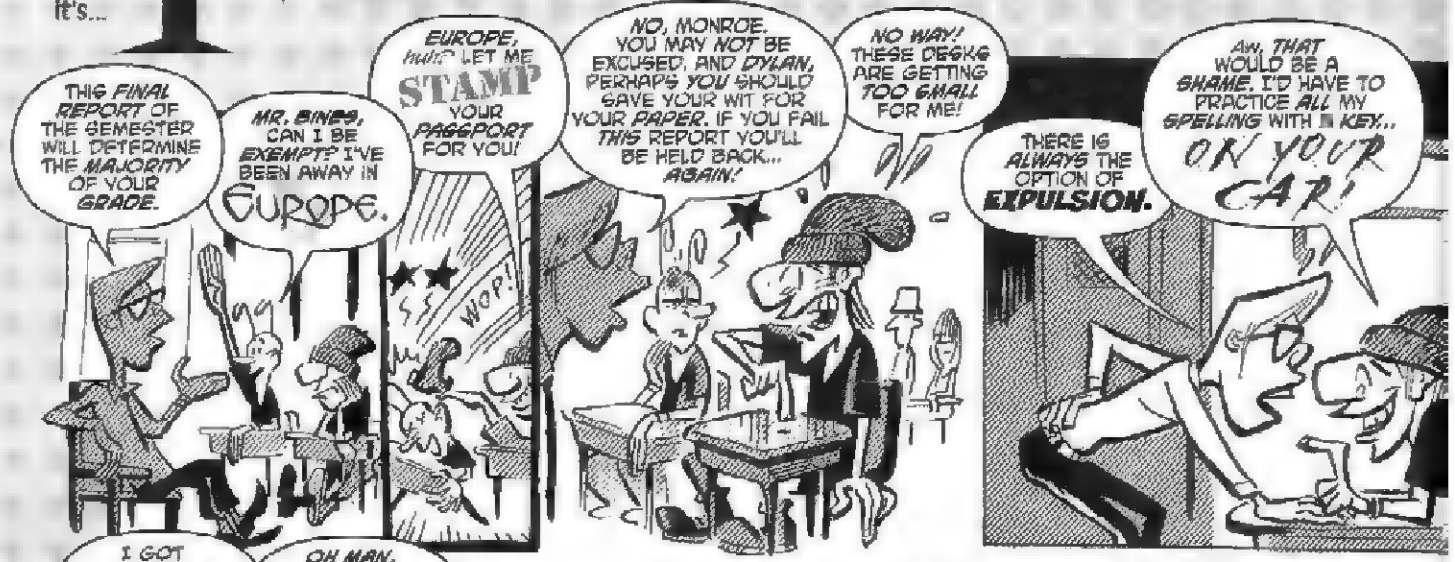
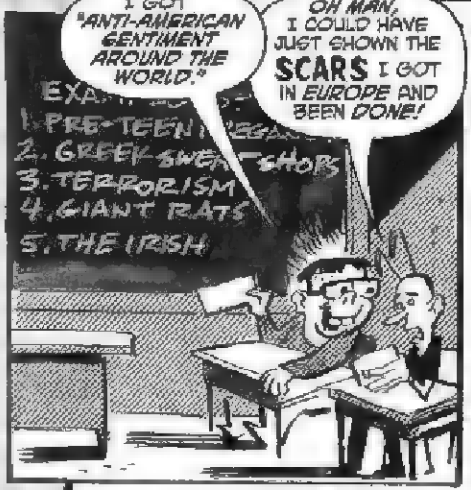
MONROE and...


THIS FINAL REPORT OF THE SEMESTER WILL DETERMINE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR GRADE.
MR. BINEP, CAN I BE EXEMPT? I'VE BEEN AWAY IN EUROPE.
EUROPE, huh? LET ME STAMP YOUR PASSPORT FOR YOU!
WOP!
NO, MONROE. YOU MAY NOT BE EXCUSED, AND DYLAN, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD SAVE YOUR WIT FOR YOUR PAPER. IF YOU FAIL THIS REPORT YOU'LL BE HELD BACK... AGAIN!
NO WAY! THESE DESKS ARE GETTING TOO SMALL FOR ME!
THERE IS ALWAYS THE OPTION OF EXPULSION.
AW, THAT WOULD BE A SHAME. I'D HAVE TO PRACTICE ALL MY SPELLING WITH A KEY... ON YOUR CAR!


I GOT "ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT AROUND THE WORLD."
OH MAN, I COULD HAVE JUST SHOWN THE SCARS I GOT IN EUROPE AND BEEN DONE!
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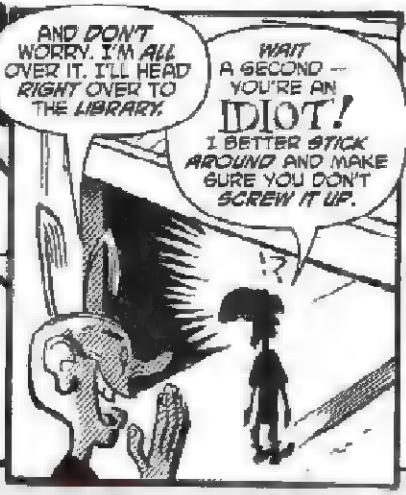
2. GREEK SWEATSHOPS
3. TERRORISM
4. GIANT RATS
5. THE IRISH


AND DON'T WORRY. I'M ALL OVER IT. I'LL HEAD RIGHT OVER TO THE LIBRARY.
WAIT A SECOND -- YOU'RE AN IDIOT! I BETTER STICK AROUND AND MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SCREW IT UP.

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ARTIST: BILL WRAY

GLOBAL WARMING

DYLAN, PLEASE. YOU THINK THAT INTIMIDATES ME? I'M A TEACHER. I DRIVE A 1979 pacer.
DAMN!
FACULTY
BUT SINCE I DON'T WANT YOU AROUND ANY MORE THAN YOU WANT TO BE HERE, HOW ABOUT I TEAM YOU UP WITH MONROE OUTSIDE OF CLASS?
SWEET.
WAKE UP, MONROE. PLEASE, GOD, LET ME WAKE UP NOW.
ALL RIGHT, THE THEME OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS "PROBLEMS WITH THE WORLD."
I CAN WRITE THIS ONE IN MY SLEEP.
EVERYONE REACH INTO THIS BAG AND PULL OUT YOUR SUBJECT.
DYLAN! OMIGOD! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'M HERE FOR OUR STUDY SESSION!
LOOK AT THIS PLACE. WHO DECORATED? BED, BATH AND BEYOND QUEER?
YEAH, UH, GOOD ONE! HA HA! HERE, TAKE A LOOK, I'M DOWNLOADING OUR PAPER. SEE? ALL DONE.
FORGET THAT! BINES FINDS OUT WE STOLE IT OFF THE INTERNET AND THAT TOOL WILL FAIL ME.
WOW, THAT'S PRETTY COOL I GUESS, DYLAN. YOU'RE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND ALL.
RIGHT. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GONNA WRITE IT AND I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING MY NAME ON IT. LATER.
OH... OKAY. EVEN BETTER. NO PROBLEM! SEE YA!
HAHA HAHAHA. AGAIN.
DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM.
OOOO-Y! I LOVE IT! AGAIN.
DYLAN, I DON'T THINK THIS IS HELPING US GET OUR REPORT DONE.
YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S BLOW THIS PLACE.
BUT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THESE BOOKS! THEY TALK ABOUT MELTING ICE CAPS AND THE OCEAN GETTING WARMER.
RISING TIDE
THE OCEAN? BEACH... CHICKS... AWESOME IDEA!!

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MONROE

HERE COME SOME GIRLS. QUICK, TAKE YOUR SHIRT OFF!
OH, OKAY! YOU THINK THIS WILL TURN THEM ON?
OH, HELL NO, BUT I'LL LOOK GREAT BY COMPARISON!
Um, DYLAN... EXCUSE ME, BUT WE SHOULD REALLY GET TO WORK ON THIS GLOBAL WARMING THING.
OMIGOD. I AM TOTALLY AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING AND STUFF. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE'RE WRITING A PAPER.
WE'RE SCIENTISTS.
I GOTTA CRUISE BY MY HOUSE — DON'T TRACK ANY DOG CRAP INSIDE.
Uh, I CAN JUST WALK HOME FROM HERE.
FORGET THAT! WE HAVE HOMEWORK, AND I HAVE AN Idea.
WHERE THE HELL YOU BEEN? HERE, WEAR THIS THING AND REMEMBER TO MOVE AROUND THE HOUSE EVERY NOW AND THEN.
WHAT DID YOU GREASE YOUR HOUSE ARREST ANKLET WITH THIS TIME? BUTTER?
BETTER NOT TO KNOW.
UGH.
DON'T WAIT UP! BUT GET BAIL READY JUST IN CASE.
COME ON.
WHY ARE WE MOVING THIS?
WE'LL SET UP A NICE SCREENING ROOM.
SCREENING ROOM? THIS IS A TOOL SHED!
PERFECT PLACE FOR A TOOL LIKE YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE. THIS IS MY BIG IDEA — IT'S A SENSE-O-ROUND CINEMA EXPERIENCE. THIS PLACE REALLY WARMS UP THIS TIME OF YEAR.

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WE ARE? YES, OF COURSE WE ARE! WHY NOT?
WOW.
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO STOP BY MY LAB SOMETIME.
YEAH...UH... AND YOU CAN CHECK OUT MY PHOTON MICROSCOPE.
YEAH, YOU'LL NEED A MICROSCOPE WITH THIS GUY.
HA HA HA HA HA HA
DUDE, THAT SUCKED.
YOU SUCK.
POINT TAKEN.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
BELIEVE ME, DUDE, I CAN RELATE.
WHATEVER. THIS IS MY ROOM. I DARE YOU TO TOUCH ANYTHING.
I'M COOL. Hmmm. "HANG IN THERE."
OH, THAT'S WHAT THAT SAYS? I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TORTURING KITTENS.
HANG IN
THERE
SO WHAT'S THIS "BIG IDEA"? ARE THOSE DVDS?
YEAH. NETFLIX IS SWEET. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO TO YOUR MAILBOX. OR SOMEONE'S MAILBOX WHO GETS NETFLIX.
TOSS!
HERE IT IS. THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW! THIS WHOLE THING IS ABOUT THAT GLOBAL WARMING STUFF!
THE NEXT DAY...
OH NO! WAIT A SECOND! MAKE IT STOP! MAKE IT STOP! NOT JAKE GYLLENHAAL!
AND HERE IS THE SUBJECT'S FACE AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF MY GLOBAL WARMING SIMULATION. CONCLUSION: AS THE WORLD WARMS UP, MOVIES AS WELL AS MAN WILL SUFFER.
ANYTHING ELSE?
YES, THANK YOU FOR PAIRING ME UP WITH MONROE. GLOBAL PROBLEMS, WHATEVER, AS LONG AS I HAVE HIM AROUND FOR STUFF LIKE THIS, EVERYTHING IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD.
THAT'S FINE, MONROE — ANYTHING TO ADD?
YES, I CONCLUDE THAT IT CAN GET AS WARM AS IT WANTS, BUT THE WORLD IS ALWAYS GONNA BE A VERY COLD PLACE FOR YOURS TRULY.
TONY B. E. WRAY

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ONE MORNING ON FIFTH AVENUE

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THE RACING WORLD IS GOING MAD!

This October during the NHRA race weekend at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Jeg and Troy Coughlin are adding a little sibling rivalry to the drag strip when they present dueling *Spy vs. Spy* Chevrolet pro stock drag cars courtesy of MAD Racing.

With two NHRA pro stock championships in 2000 and 2002, Jeg has a slight edge on his older brother Troy. However, with a little help from *Spy vs. Spy*, the Coughlin brothers are looking to smoke the field in Las Vegas.

The Jeg's Mail Order/*Spy vs. Spy* Chevrolet Cavalier pro stock cars are part of the MAD Racing program that extends to the NHRA, NASCAR® and World of Outlaws circuits.

MAD Racing also will share top billing with four of NASCAR's best-known drivers: Michael Waltrip, Kenny Wallace, Jeremy Mayfield and rookie sensation Kasey Kahne. This October during the NASCAR race weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Waltrip and Wallace will handle driving duties behind the wheel of the No. 99 and No. 00 Aaron's Dream Machines, respectively. Both Aaron's cars will showcase MAD icon *Alfred E. Neuman*.

Meanwhile, Mayfield and Kahne will field dueling *Spy vs. Spy* Dodge machines at Atlanta during the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race on Oct. 31, 2004.

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JOHN, FRANK AND CARMINE'S BIGGEST COMPLAINTS

No matter who you are, growing up isn't easy — but when your grandfather is the late John Gotti, there's a bunch of other problems (many of them bordering on the illegal) that make life even more difficult. And while that *should* make for interesting television, the family's new show makes it seem like their biggest problems are over hair gel. So, in a brave attempt to reveal the truth, MAD dug deeper to expose...

Family vacations always end up with you acting as a drug mule.
Every time you get to second base with a girl, you discover she's wearing a wire.
It never fails — you just got your new car detailed and BAM! it gets blown up.
Feeling great about yourself when your grades go up, only to discover its because your parents "put the screws" to your teachers on open school night.
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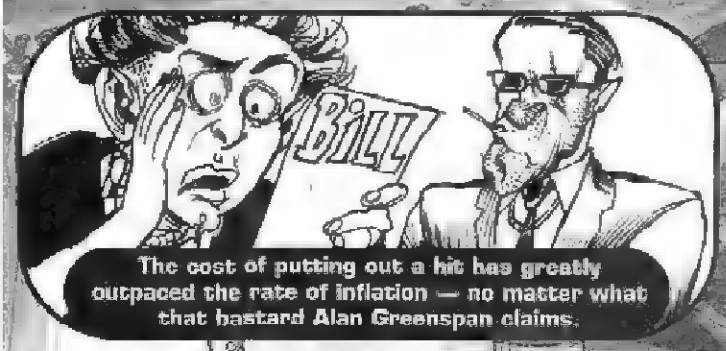
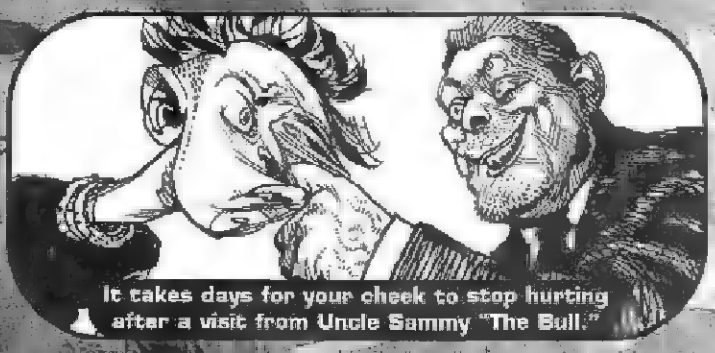
ABOUT GROWING UP GOTTI



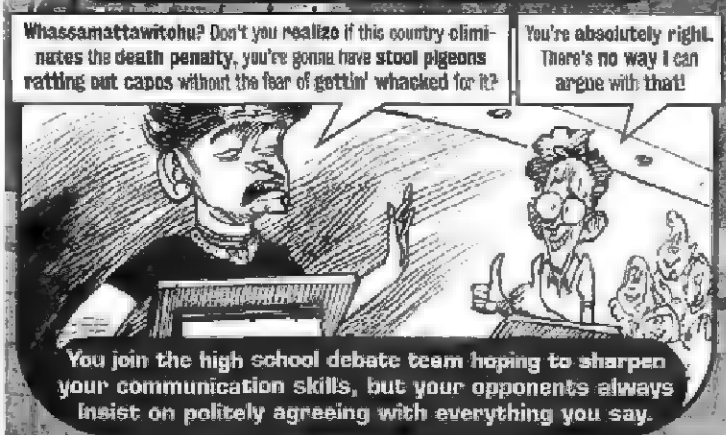
The cost of putting out a hit has greatly outpaced the rate of inflation — no matter what that bastard Alan Greenspan claims.

It's tough to have phone sex with your girlfriend when the Feds are always listening in.

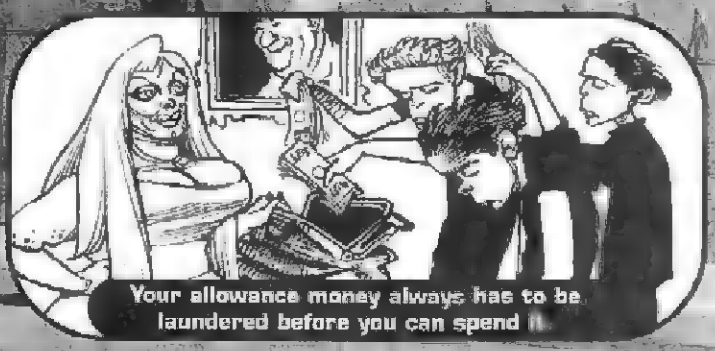
You get busted for skipping detention, and next thing you know, an FBI agent is trying to "flip" you.



It takes days for your cheek to stop hurting after a visit from Uncle Sammy "The Bull."


Whassamattawitchu? Don't you realize if this country eliminates the death penalty, you're gonna have stool pigeons ratting out capos without the fear of gettin' whacked for it?
You're absolutely right. There's no way I can argue with that!

You join the high school debate team hoping to sharpen your communication skills, but your opponents always insist on politely agreeing with everything you say.



Your allowance money always has to be laundered before you can spend it.

Wearing ten pounds of gold chains sometimes gives you a stupid-looking tan line around your neck.

Just because you're Italian and your grandfather had a lot of men whacked, people always assume your family's in the Mafia.

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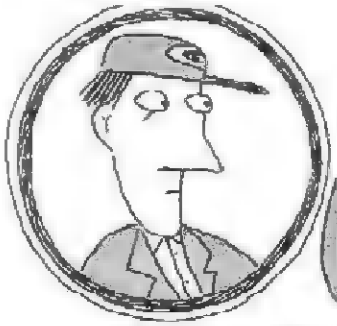

Duke Bissell's TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

ONE DAY I NOTICED THAT MY TROPICAL FISH WEREN'T LOOKING TOO WELL.

HELLO, PET PSYCHIC HOT LINE...?

THE PSYCHIC SAID SHE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE FISH, BUT ONLY IF I BROUGHT THEM DOWN TO HER OFFICE.

I PUT THEM IN THIS BAG AND INADVERTENTLY LEFT THEM IN THE SUN FOR A WEEK. I HOPE THAT'S OK.

THEY SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT. JUST DON'T LET THEM NEAR BREADING AND SEAFOOD SEASONING.

ON THE WAY HOME I HAPPENED TO PASS A PET STORE THAT WAS OFFERING FREE VETERINARIAN CONSULTATIONS THAT DAY.

PET STORE

THE DOC IS IN

DON'T BE DUPED BY THOSE PET PSYCHICS

I WONDER IF THAT PSYCHIC WILL KNOW IF I GET A SECOND OPINION?

BUT WHEN I GOT INSIDE, THE LINE WAS A MILE LONG.

HOW LONG IS THE WAIT?

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO ME. MY DOG HAS AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT.

MY CAT'S A HYPO-CHONDRIAC.

TELL ME ABOUT IT. MY BIRD THINKS HE'S DEAD!

BY THE TIME IT WAS MY TURN TO SEE THE VETERINARIAN, THE STORE HAD CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT SO LONG FOR NOTHING. MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU'LL JUST STAY HOME.

HEY FRANK, WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THESE DEAD ANIMALS?

MAYBE I SHOULD TRY A FISH CHIROPRACTOR.

AS IT TURNED OUT, THE PSYCHIC WAS RIGHT AND THE FISH MADE A FULL RECOVERY.

THEY LOOK HAPPIER THAN EVER. I SHOULD PUT THEM IN A BAG AND INADVERTENTLY HANG THEM IN THE SUN FOR A WEEK MORE OFTEN.

SO NOW WE KNOW IF WE EVER WANT TO GO ON VACATION WE JUST TRICK HIM INTO BELIEVING WE'RE DEAD.

I DON'T FEEL TOO GOOD.

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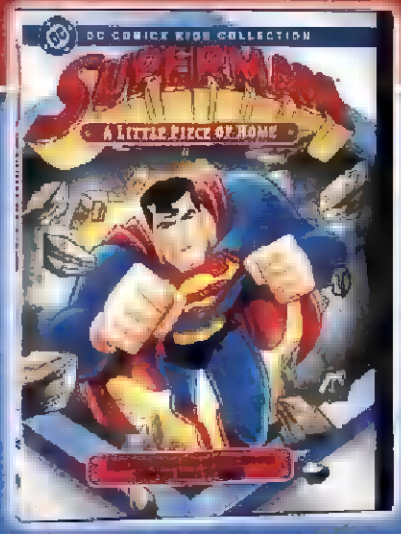

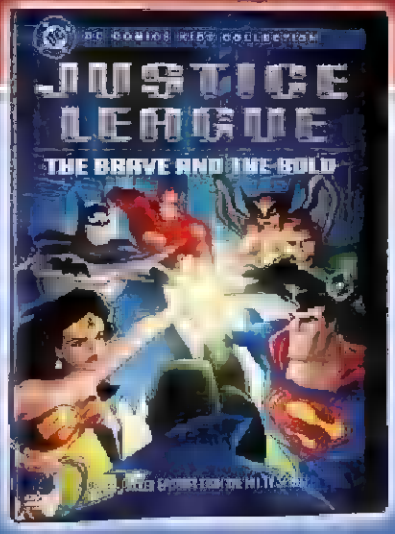

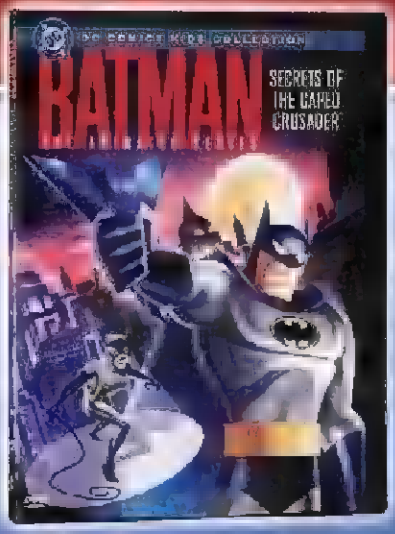

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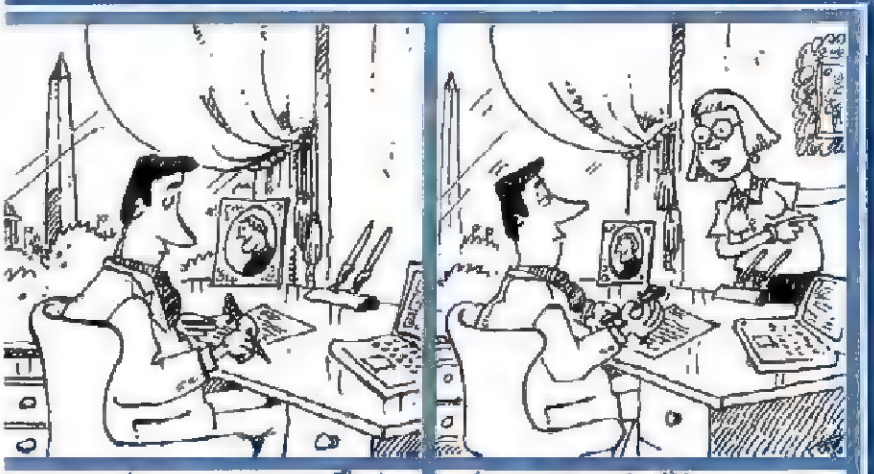

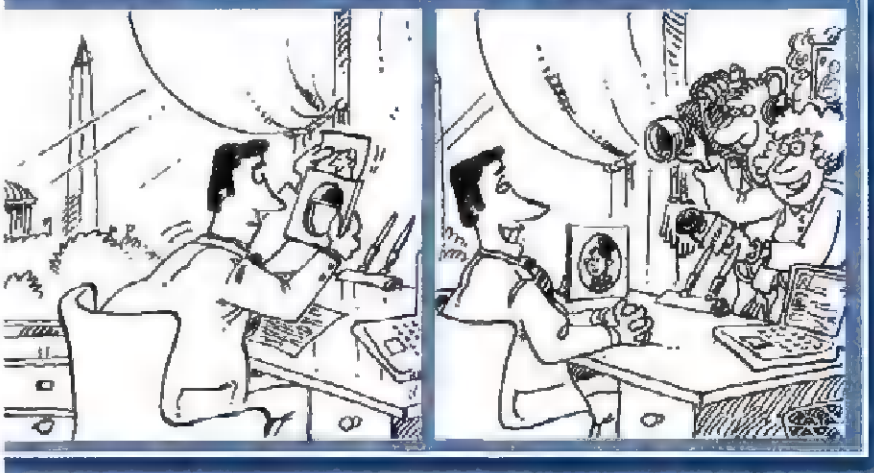

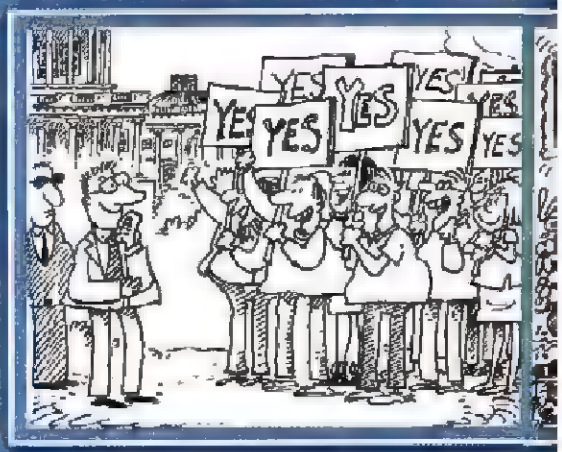

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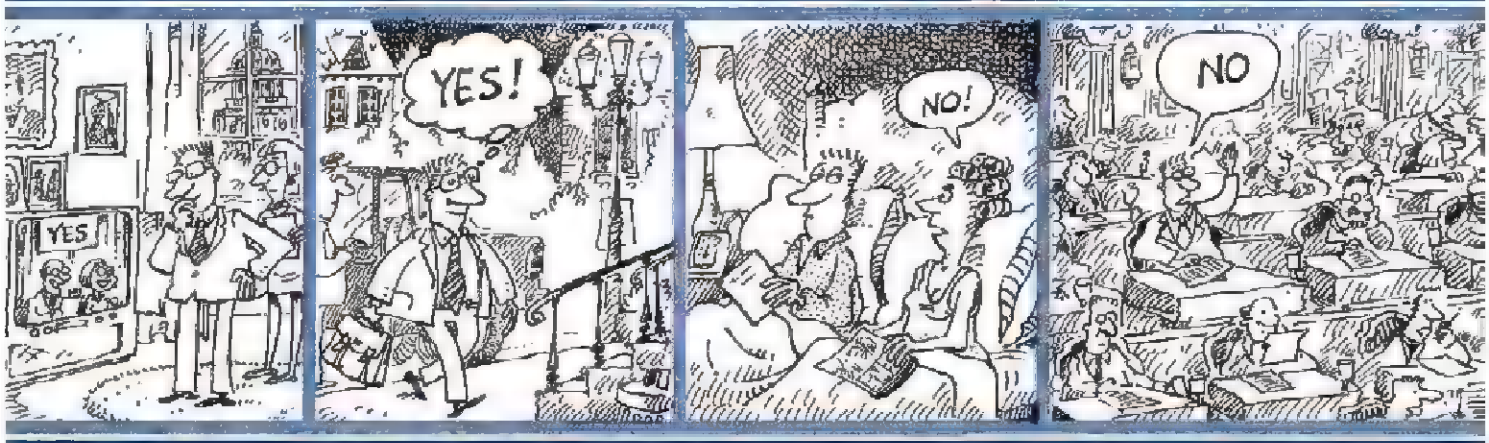

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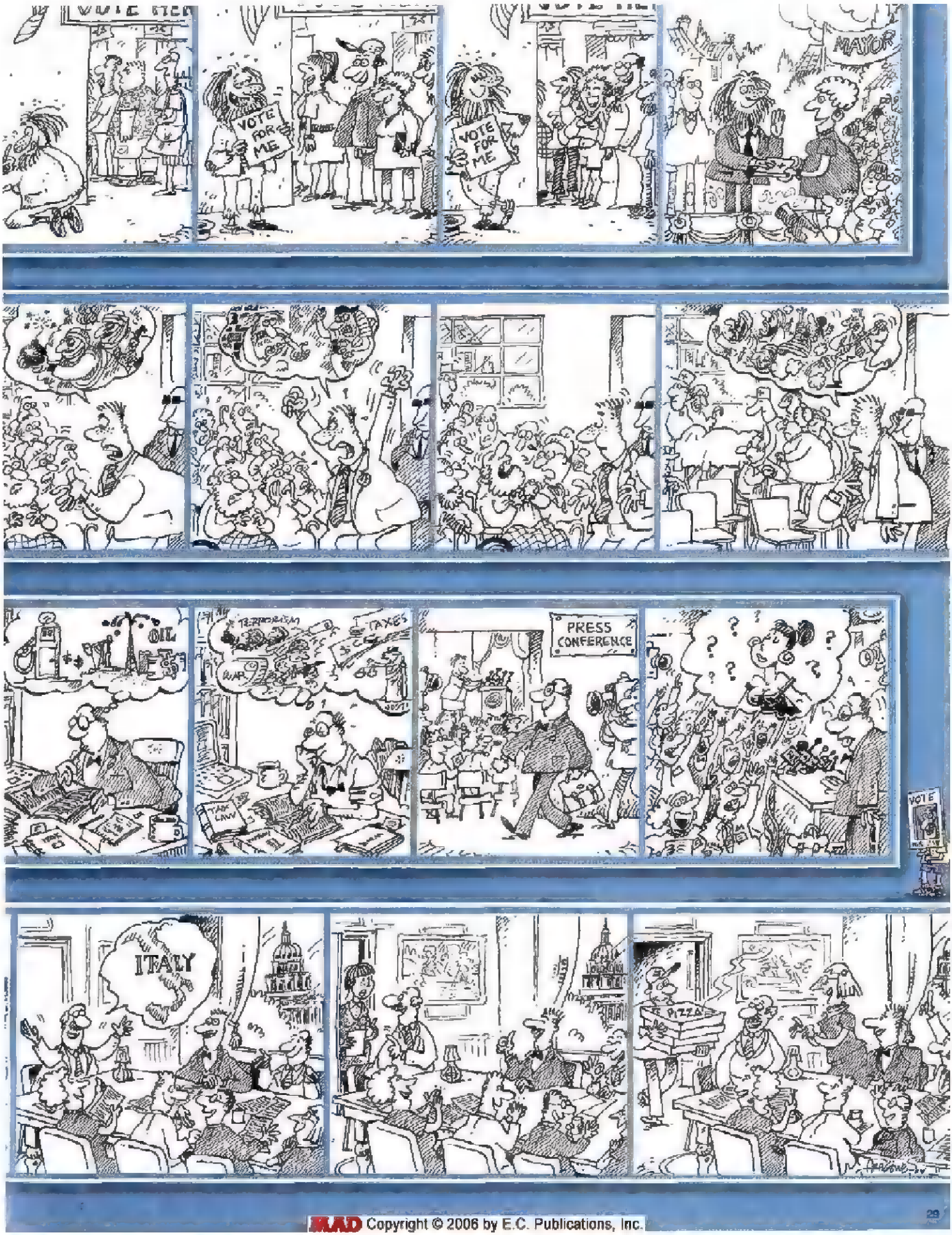

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ALL IN A GAY'S WORK DEPT.

A MAD queer FOR THE STRAIGHT

Here's this week's handy tip: if you get an idea for a really lame reality TV show...write it down! Then sell it for an obscene amount of money to some second-tier cable network like *Bravo*!

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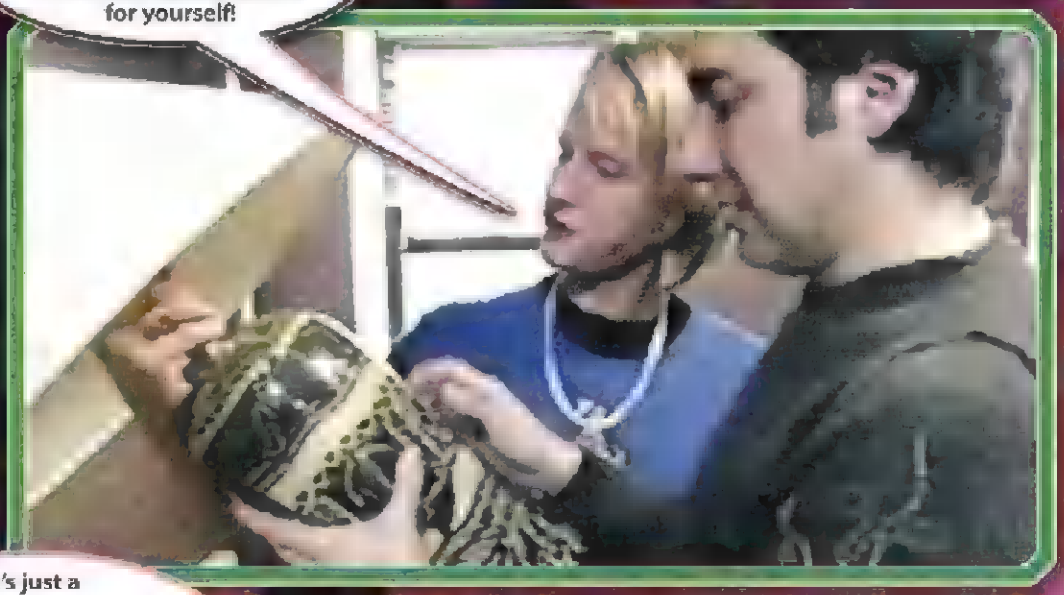
POKE IN THE eye GUY



It's just a standard release form you have to sign saying that after the show is taped, you won't sue us if your boyfriend starts wearing leather and hanging out in the Village!

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Heyyyy, wait a minute! If you two are gay...then who just pinched my ass?!?
This won't hurt a bit. We're just going to cryogenically freeze you until a time when hairstyling and grooming science CAN help a loser like you!
And, to top off the daily grooming ritual...now, follow after me..."I feel pret-ty...oh so pret-tyyyyy..."
It's a brand new desktop PC! AND we've already bookmarked all the gay porn websites for you!
Wait! Wait! You can't drink those without the little paper umbrella! What are you, a barbarian?!?
All right, men! The TV cameras are gone! Turn on the Knicks game, call up Domino's, and bring on the babes! WOO!! WOO!! WOO!!

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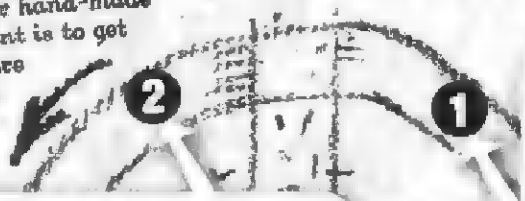
GETTIN' DIGGY WIT' IT DEPT.

MARTHA STEWART'S ESCAPE PLAN

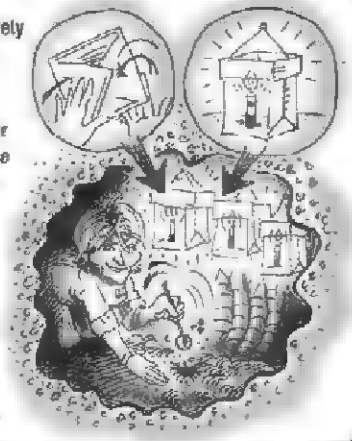
Martha Stewart made millions by teaching people how to improve their lives — and although prison has made that more difficult, it doesn't mean she can't still put her talents to use. In fact, improving an inmate's life is the easiest thing in the world! They don't give a hot buttered scone about decorative wreaths or hand-made napkin rings — all they want is to get out! Which is why we're sure she'll make millions with...



To hide all of the dirt you'll be unearthing, make a set of decorative planters for your cell. You can construct the planters out of toilet-paper maché. Plant fresh basil or other herbs that grow well in low-light conditions. As an added bonus, you can ground up the leaves and use them to spice up even the blandest prison grub.

To dig a tunnel you can be proud of when the guards find it after you've escaped, don't use a common spoon. Flatware is for eating, not for digging. Instead, use a melon-baller, which can be stolen from any well-stocked prison kitchen. When you're not tunneling, store the illicit utensil in a hollowed-out copy of *Martha Stewart Entertaining*, available wherever fine books are sold.

Since you'll be working exclusively under the cover of night, you'll need proper illumination or your tunnel walls will turn out rough and irregular. Why not light up your escape route with festive Japanese lanterns? To make them, first take some letters from home and, via origami, fold the pages into traditional Asian lantern shapes. Next, stand a cigarette upright in the bag. This will be your wick. Finally, fill the bag about one third of the way with kitchen lard, which will, unfortunately, have to be used instead of fresh beeswax.



When you exit your tunnel, you'll be in the prison yard. To scale the perimeter wall, your best bet is to climb one of the guard towers. You can easily incapacitate a guard by sneaking up behind him and covering his mouth in a rag you've stored in a leftover turkey carcass. The tryptophane from the turkey will cause the guard to pass out faster than my Uncle Walter after a traditional Thanksgiving feast of roast turkey with pomegranate-cranberry glaze, braised fennel with chestnuts and shallots, autumn vegetable succotash and ginger pumpkin pudding cakes.

While you're digging to the prison yard, be sure to poke small holes about the width of a drinking straw into the tunnel ceiling at regular intervals. This will not only provide necessary ventilation, but will aerate the soil above, ensuring that the grass in your prison exercise yard will be the envy of inmates at other federal penitentiaries.

ARTIST: CHARLES AHINS
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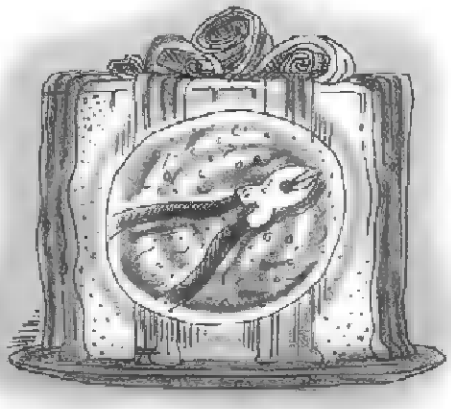
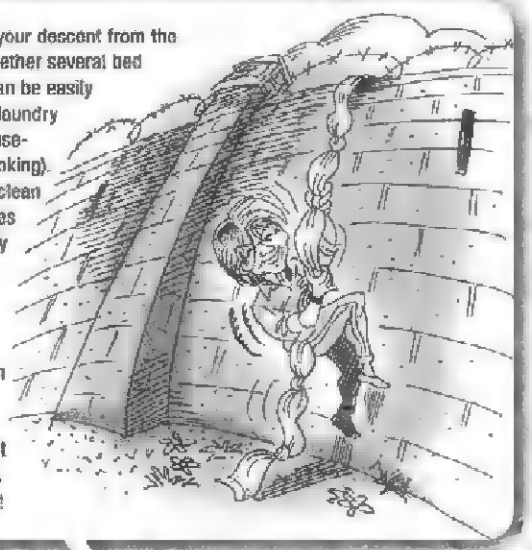
CELLS

The easiest way to procure a pair of the wire cutters mentioned earlier is to have your mother bake you a carrot ginger layer cake with orange cream cheese frosting, but instead of the 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon called for in the recipe, substitute 1 pair of wire cutters.



To facilitate your descent from the wall, tie together several bed sheets (which can be easily stolen from the laundry room while "housekeeping" isn't looking). Be sure to take clean ones (no one likes escaping on dirty linens) and if possible, make sure that they are made from decadently plush Egyptian cotton with at least a 350 thread count to avoid chafing. It's a good thing!



WALL

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At the top of the wall, you'll still need to make it past the barbed wire fence. Tie your wire cutters to a piece of sisal twine that's exactly two feet long. Tie the other end of the twine to the base of the fence. By keeping the twine taut as you cut through the wire, you'll cut a hole that's a perfect half circle. Save the cut section of barbed wire you removed to use later. For example, you can use it to string up plants in a way that clearly tells any passing rabbits to stay away from your California and summer squash patch.

WALL

You may be into the woods, but you're not "out of the woods" yet! To make sure you don't get caught in the spotlight, adorn your jumpsuit with a cornucopia of colorful, seasonal foliage indigenous to the area. Smearing your face with the juices of wild berries will increase your indetectibility *and* bring back fond memories of eating fresh-baked pies while summering in Nantucket. Hmm!

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Once you've made it out of the woods, you can change your identity and blend back into society, or travel to a foreign land that does not extradite felons to the United States. But do neither before you take time to write the warden a thank you note for his hospitality and send a small potpourri sachet or other token of gratitude currently available at Kmart.

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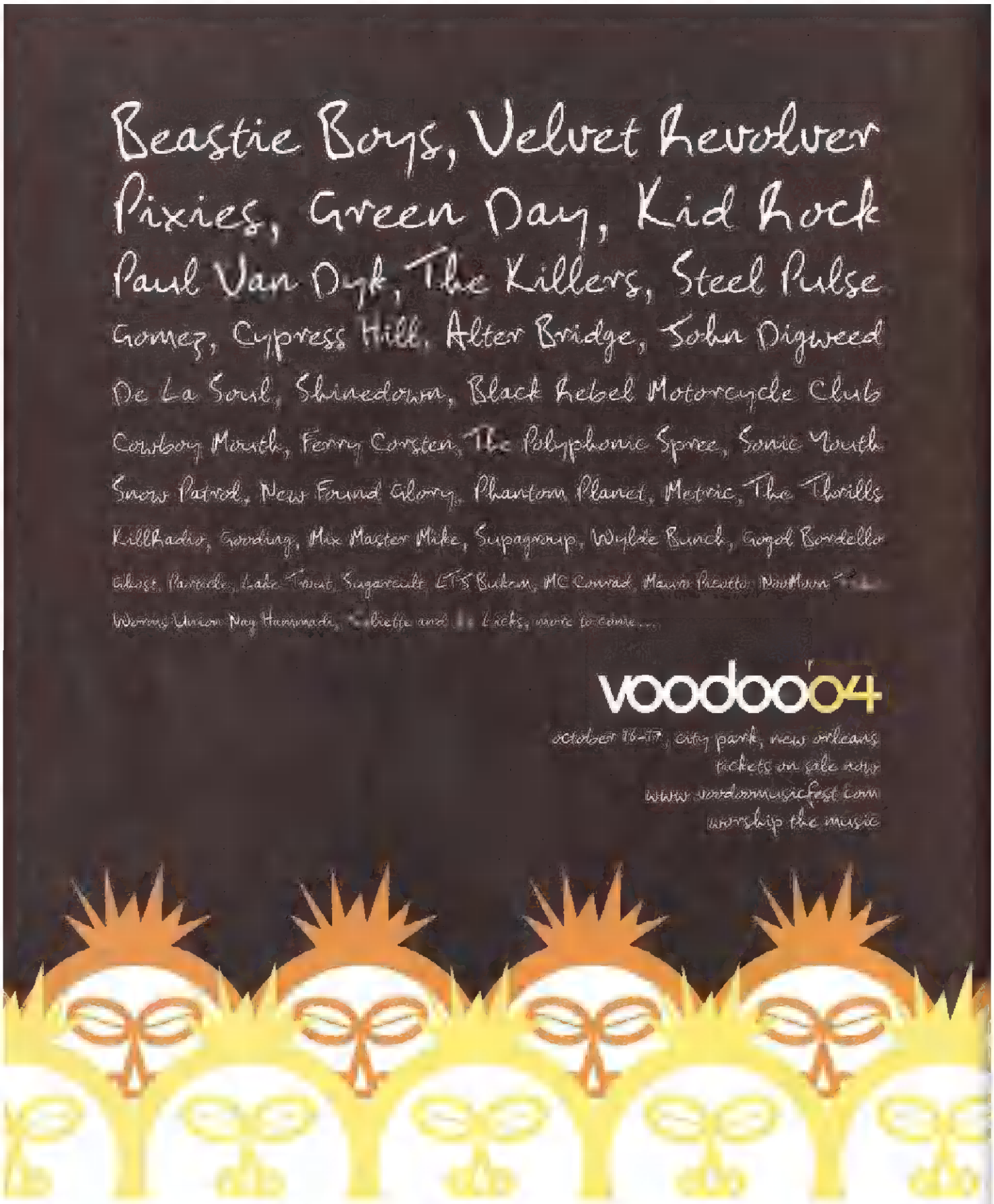
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OH, THE UNDISCLOSED LOCATIONS YOU'LL GO! DEPT.

As you listen to President George W. Bush and his administration, you may notice a sort of bizarre logic emerge, a magical, childlike reality in which the only rules are the ones they make up themselves. If this fanciful way of looking at the world seems familiar, it should! Theodore Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) perfected it decades ago. The big difference, of course, is that Geisel did it for fun in a delightful series of children's books. Dubya and his cronies do it to settle old debts, gain access to oil and curry favor with their ultra-right wing base. Anyway, sit back and enjoy...

THE STRANGE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE Bush Administration AND THE World of Dr. Seuss

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President George W. Bush, State of the Union, January 20, 2004

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

"Look at me! Look at me! Look at me NOW!
It is fun to have fun but you have to know how.
I can hold up the cup and the milk and the cake!
I can hold up these books! And the fish on a rake!
I can hold the toy ship and a little toy man!
And look! With my tail, I can hold a red fan!
I can fan with the fan as I hop on the ball!
But that is not all. Oh, no. That is not all..."

THE CAT IN THE HAT

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"Your tactics only aid terrorists, for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve. They give ammunition to America's enemies, and pause to America's friends."
Attorney General John Ashcroft, December 6, 2001
"SILENCE!" The King of the Turtles barked back.
"I'm king, and you're only a turtle named Mack.
You stay in your place while I sit here and rule."
YERTLE THE TURTLE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
HABEAS CORPUS
CIVIL LIBERTIES FOR ALL!
DOWN WITH THE PATRIOT ACT!
DUE PROCESS NOW!
war is hell... but we LOVE IT!
"I'm not going to change, see? I'm not trying to accommodate. I won't change my philosophy or my point of view."
President George W. Bush, February 7, 2004
"Never budge! That's my rule. Never budge in the least!
Not an inch to the west! Not an inch to the east!
I'll stay here, not budging! I can and I will
If it makes you and me and the whole world stand still!"
THE ZAX

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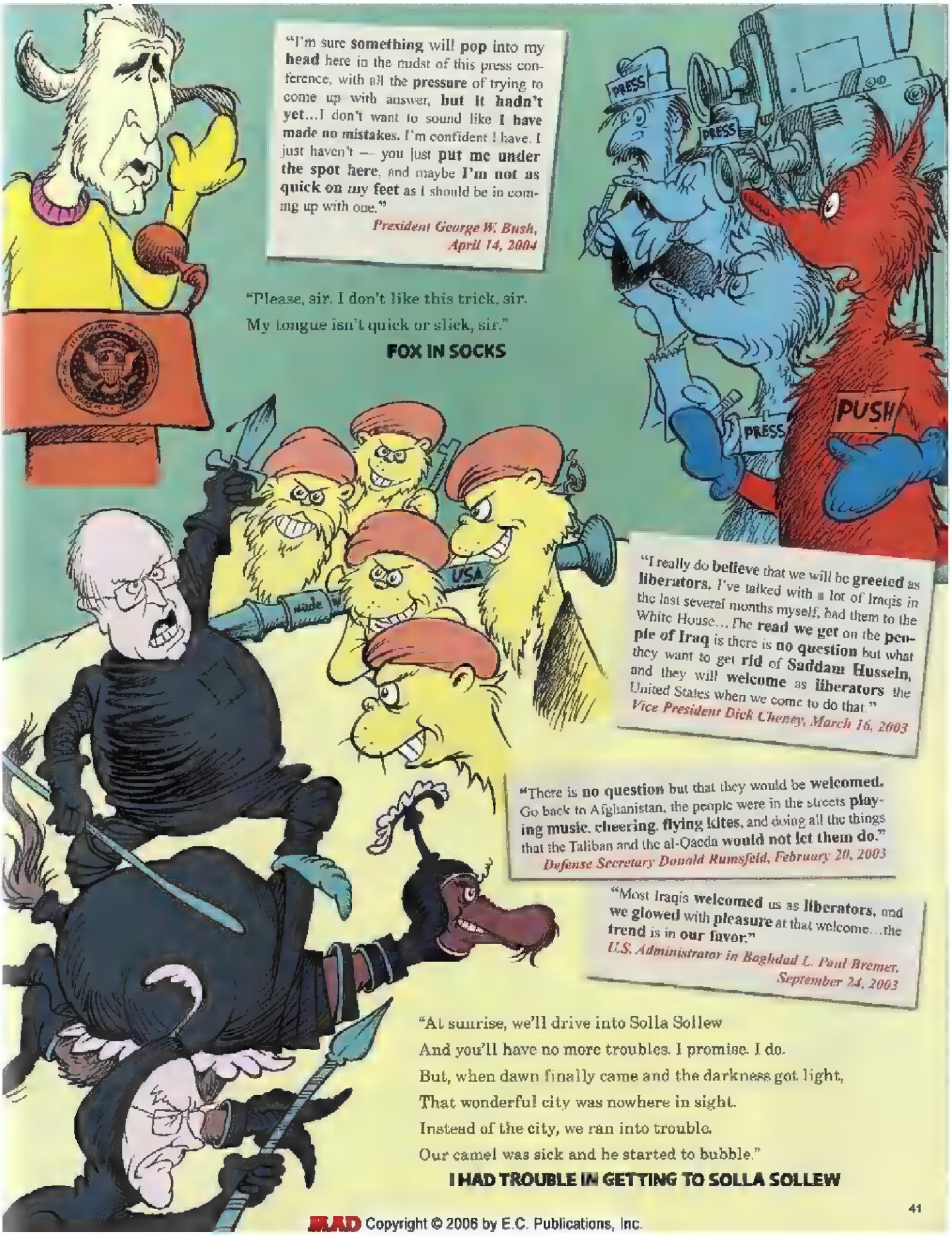

"I'm sure **something** will **pop** into my **head** here in the midst of this press conference, with all the **pressure** of trying to come up with answer, **but it hadn't yet**...I don't want to sound like **I have made no mistakes.** I'm confident I have. I just haven't — you just **put me under the spot here**, and maybe **I'm not as quick on my feet** as I should be in coming up with one."

President George W. Bush, April 14, 2004

"Please, sir. I don't like this trick, sir.
My tongue isn't quick or slick, sir."

FOX IN SOCKS

"I really do **believe** that we will be **greeted** as **liberators.** I've talked with a lot of Iraqis in the last several months myself, had them to the White House... The **read we get** on the **people of Iraq** is there is **no question** but what they want to get **rid** of **Saddam Hussein**, and they will **welcome** as **liberators** the United States when we come to do that."

Vice President Dick Cheney, March 16, 2003

"There is **no question** but that they would be **welcomed.** Go back to Afghanistan, the people were in the streets **playing music**, **cheering**, **flying kites**, and doing all the things that the Taliban and the al-Qaeda **would not let them do.**"

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, February 20, 2003

"Most Iraqis **welcomed** us as **liberators**, and **we glowed** with **pleasure** at that welcome...the **trend** is in **our favor.**"

U.S. Administrator in Baghdad L. Paul Bremer, September 24, 2003

"At sunrise, we'll drive into Solla Sollew
And you'll have no more troubles. I promise. I do.
But, when dawn finally came and the darkness got light,
That wonderful city was nowhere in sight.
Instead of the city, we ran into trouble.
Our camel was sick and he started to bubble."

I HAD TROUBLE IN GETTING TO SOLLA SOLLEW

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"You **can't distinguish** between **al-Qaeda** and **Saddam** when you talk about the **war on terror.** And so it's a comparison that is – I can't make because I **can't distinguish** between the two, because they're **both equally** as **bad.**"

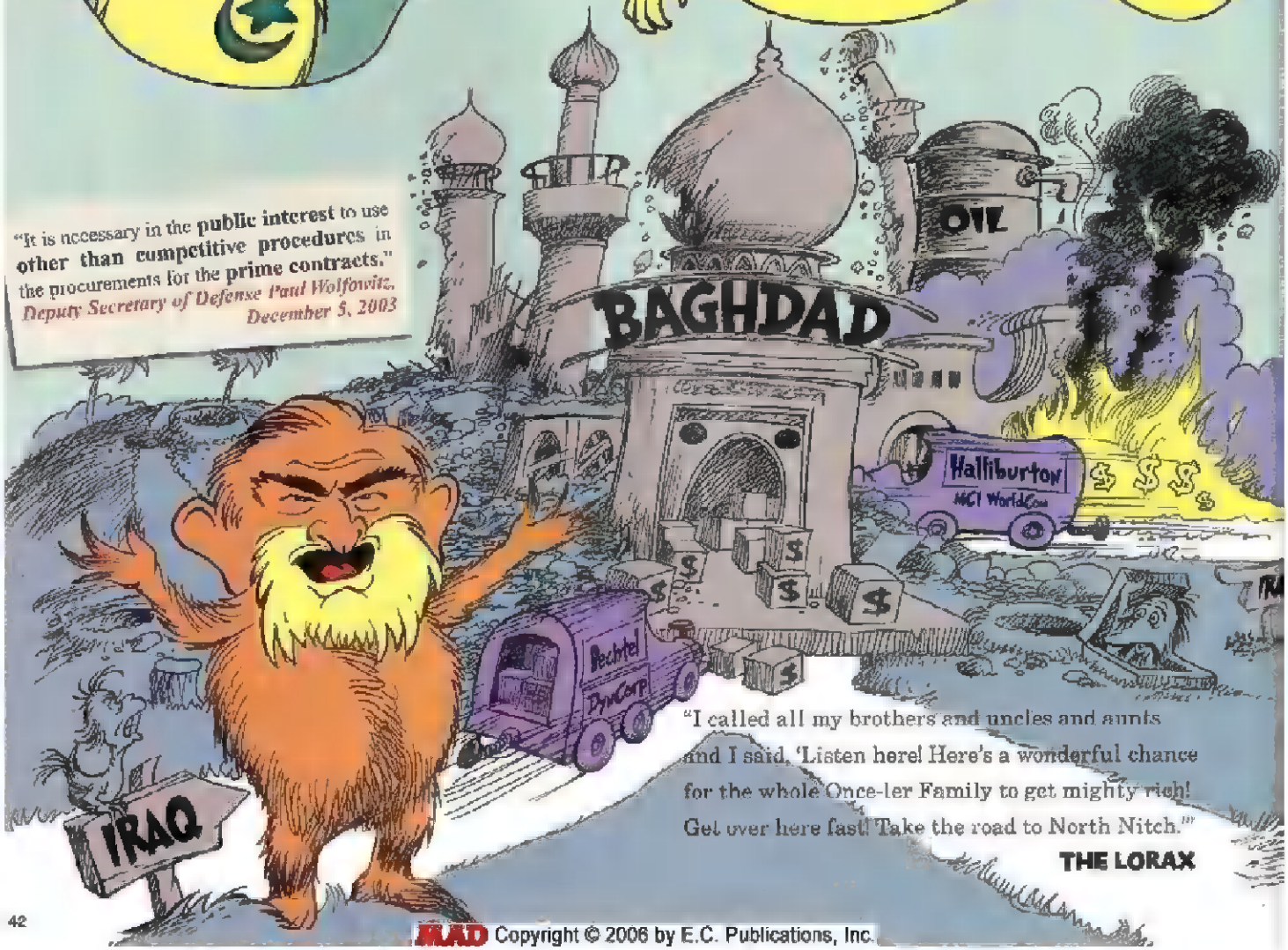
President George W. Bush, September 25, 2002

"Whether this one was that one...or that one was this one
Or which one was what one...or what one was who."

THE SNEETCHES

"It is necessary in the **public interest** to use **other than competitive procedures** in the procurements for the **prime contracts.**"

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, December 5, 2003



"I called all my brothers and uncles and aunts and I said, 'Listen here! Here's a wonderful chance for the whole Once-ler Family to get mighty rich! Get over here fast! Take the road to North Nitch.'"

THE LORAX

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"People in Iraq must understand that I view those **practices** as **abhorrent**... they also must understand that what took place in that prison **does not represent** the **America** that I know."
President George W. Bush, May 18, 2004

"It was **inconsistent** with the **values** of our **nation.** It was **inconsistent** with the **teachings** of the **military**...And it was certainly **fundamentally un-American.**"
Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, May 7, 2004

"Any implication that this behavior was **driven by direction in the chain of command** or by any **pressure** to get **interrogation results** from Washington, D.C., is absolutely **just not right.** I mean, that is **not how it works** at all... This is a **failure of individuals**...I frankly think that **we'll work our way through** this just fine."
Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers, May 7, 2004

"But neither Bartholomew Cubbins, nor King Derwin himself, nor anyone else in the Kingdom of Didd could ever explain how the strange thing happened. They only could say it just 'happened to happen,' and was not very likely to happen again."

THE 500 HATS OF BARTHOLOMEW CUBBINS

"My fellow Americans: **Major combat operations** in Iraq have **ended.**"
President George W. Bush, May 1, 2003

"The rabbit felt mighty important that day
On top of the hill in the sun where he lay.
He felt SO important up there on that hill
That he started in bragging, as animals will."

THE BIG BRAG

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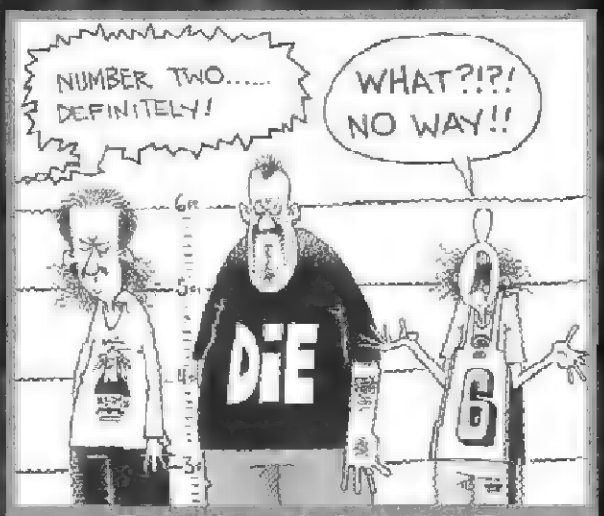
FAIL TO THE THIEF DEPT.

With successful shows like *The Sopranos* replacing our ideas about typical American family values, it should come as no surprise when your Uncle Bob decides to become a loan shark or Cousin Tyler starts smuggling cigarettes across state lines. Crime is hot – hot, hot, hot! But, before you start auditioning getaway drivers or studying police tactics on *COPS*, make sure you've got the smarts to follow this career path. How? By simply examining...

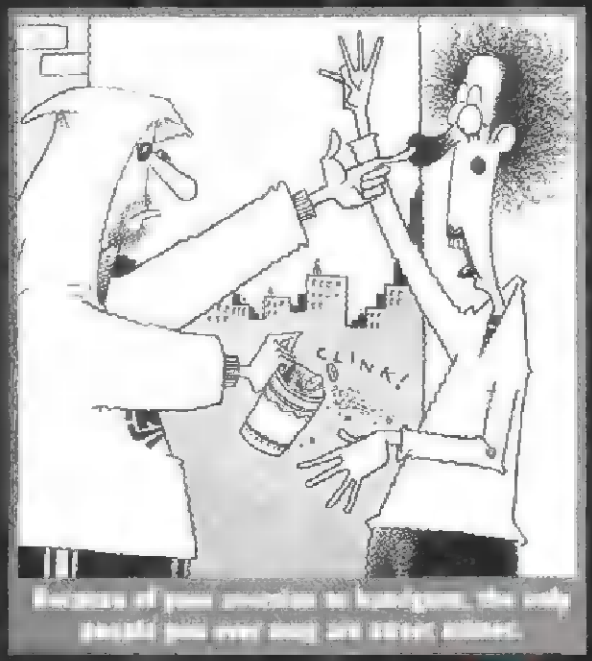
JOHN CALDWELL's

INDISPUTABLE TIP-OFFS YOU WEREN'T CUT OUT FOR A LIFE OF CRIME

Your bank heist is always the same: $5,000 in small coins.



You get bummed when you don't get picked as hostage.



Because of your proclivity as hostages, the only people you ever snag are crime victims.

You spend your days tying up high-end digital imaging equipment to counterfeit proofs-of-purchase for breakfast cereal prizes.

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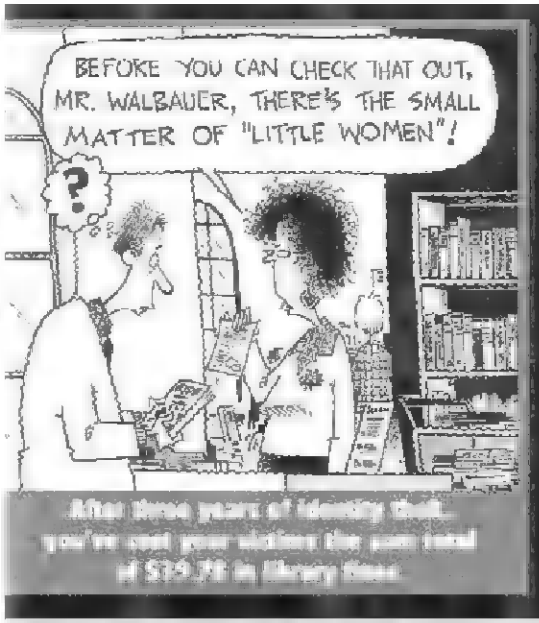
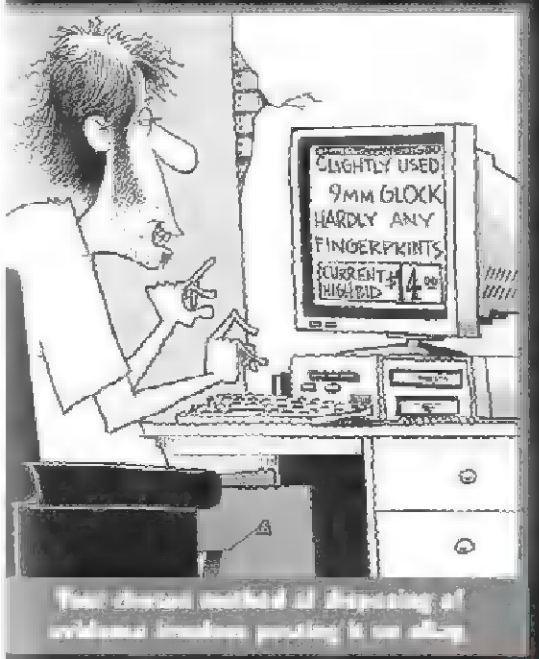


After three years of identity theft, you've cost your victims the sum total of $19.78 in library fines.

Locking your keys in the getaway car is becoming a fairly common occurrence.

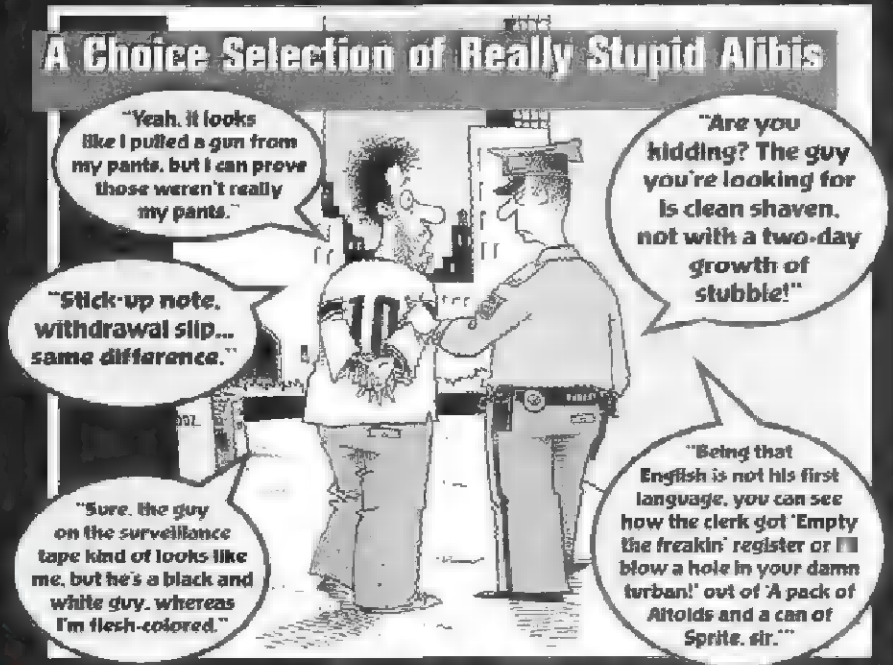
You accept ransom payments in the form of deposit cans and bottles.

The key to your publishing success is keeping your butt in pencils.



Your current method of disposing of evidence involves pouring it on dirt.

A Choice Selection of Really Stupid Alibis


"Yeah, it looks like I pulled a gun from my pants, but I can prove those weren't really my pants."
"Are you kidding? The guy you're looking for is clean shaven, not with a two-day growth of stubble!"
"Stick-up note, withdrawal slip... same difference."
"Sure, the guy on the surveillance tape kind of looks like me, but he's a black and white guy, whereas I'm flesh-colored."
"Being that English is not his first language, you can see how the clerk got 'Empty the freakin' register or I'll blow a hole in your damn turban!' out of 'A pack of Altoids and a can of Sprite, sir.'"

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A LONG PHRASE JOURNEY INTO BLIGHT DEPT.

Truth in advertising is about as easy to find these days as clear skin at a Slipknot show! Still, much has changed since the days of physician-endorsed cigarettes, not the least of which is the length and potency of companies' slogans. With a nation of consumers with the collective attention span of a hyperactive gnat, slogans must be constantly pared down to near nothing by the poor saps who write them. It's no wonder we never get to see their original, more truthful...

UNABRIDGED CORPORATE SLOGANS

Olive Garden

When You're Here, You're Family!

—but when you leave, you're just another queasy schmuck with heartburn and garlic breath!

Army Reserve

It's Not Your Everyday Job.

—unless militant Iraqi insurgents keep trying to kill you back at the office!

TACO BELL

Think Outside the Bun!

Puke inside the restroom!

MOTEL 6

We'll Leave the Light on for You!

—but there's not a whole lot we can do about the smell!

STAPLES

Yeah, We've Got That.

—but good luck getting any of our sullen teenage staff to help you find it!

verizon

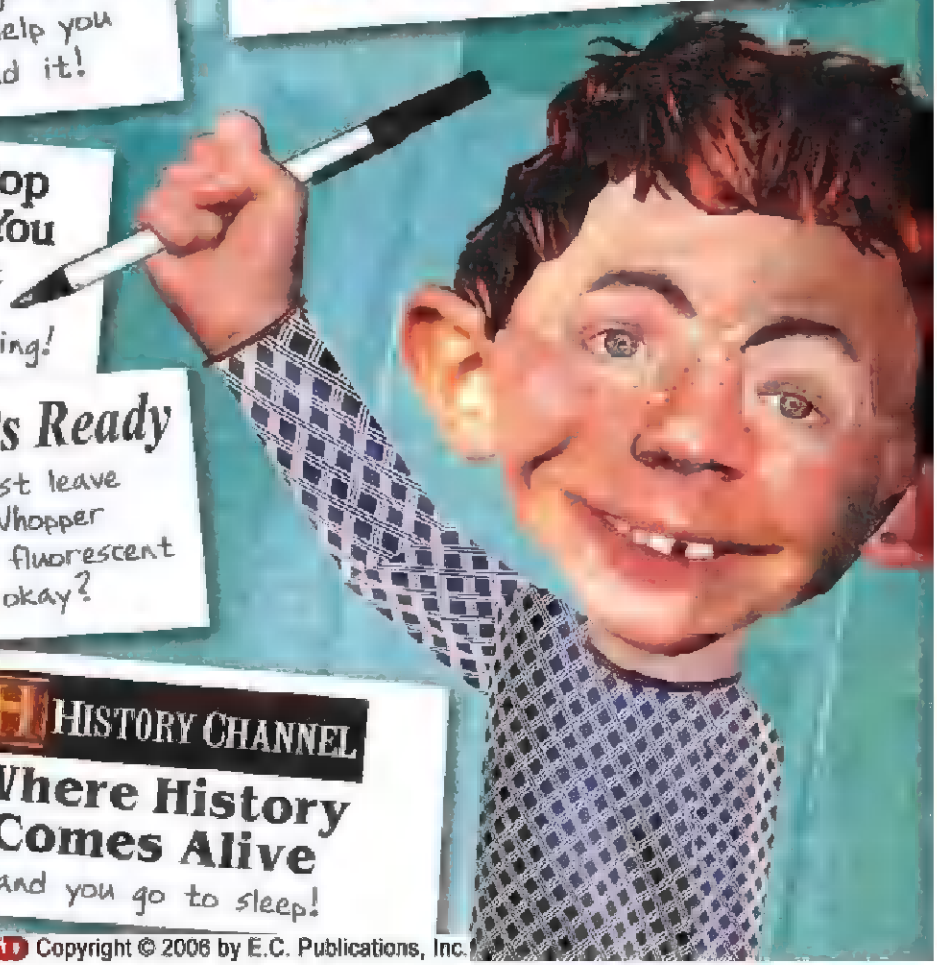
We Never Stop Working for You

—but that doesn't mean we actually know what we're doing!

BURGER KING

The Fire's Ready

—but we'll just leave your soggy Whopper under these fluorescent heat lamps, okay?



HISTORY CHANNEL

Where History Comes Alive

—and you go to sleep!

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Celebrate the Season with

The Simpsons Christmas Village

THEY LIGHT UP

The First-Ever Simpsons village exclusively from Hawthorne!

"742 Evergreen Terrace" measures approx. 7" high and includes FREE Homer Simpson figurine

MATT GROENING

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Celebrate the holidays with Springfield's most famous family... *The Simpsons*. Homer's in the decorating spirit and Moe is serving up plenty of frosty Duff Beer.

Make your Christmas merrier with *The Simpsons Christmas Village*. Mmmm! The Simpsons—the longest running prime-time series in history. With its heartwarmingly offbeat cast of characters and special brand of irreverent humor, The Simpsons has captured the hearts of fans the world over. Your holidays will ring with laughter with the entire Simpsons family, Apu, Moe and more!

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Begin your collection with "742 Evergreen Terrace" and *FREE* Homer figurine. This delightful holiday sculpture and **FREE** figurine can be yours for three easy payments of just $19.98* (plus $6.99 shipping and service). You will be billed your first payment before they are shipped.

A Comical Collection...an Incredible Value!

After "742 Evergreen Terrace," Charter Subscribers can build this village with more sculptures—at the same low price—and **FREE** figurines sent about every other month. Your second issue will be the "Kwik-E-Mart" with **FREE** "Barney" figurine. Strong demand is expected. So please don't wait to order. *Send no money now.* Just complete and mail the coupon today.

FREE! Three Figurines, Simpsons Family Car and 6-pc. Light Set—$60 value!

Yes! Please enter my Charter Subscription for the illuminated *The Simpsons Christmas Village* collection, starting with "742 Evergreen Terrace" as described in this announcement. I need **SEND NO MONEY NOW.**

Limited-time Offer—Please Respond Promptly

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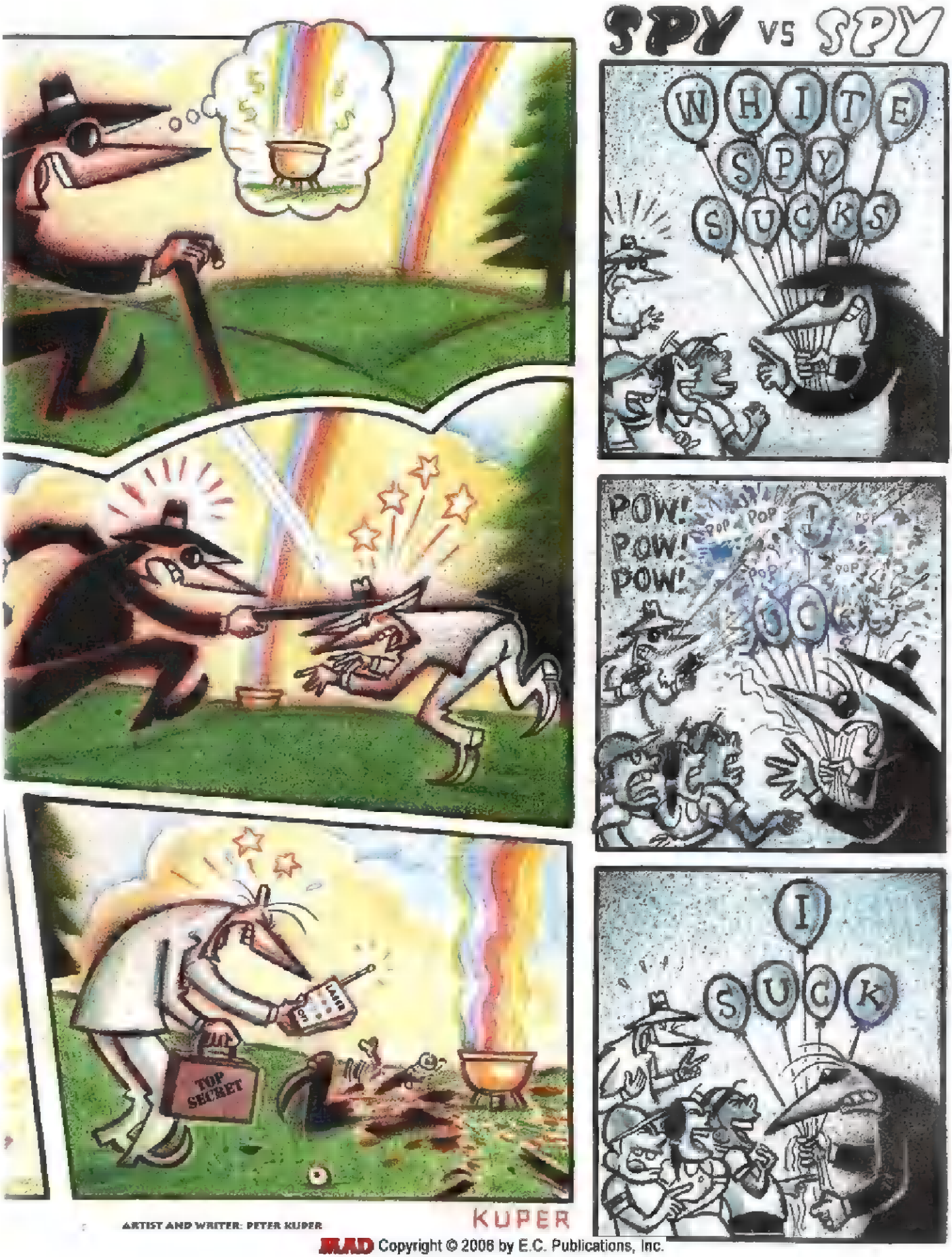

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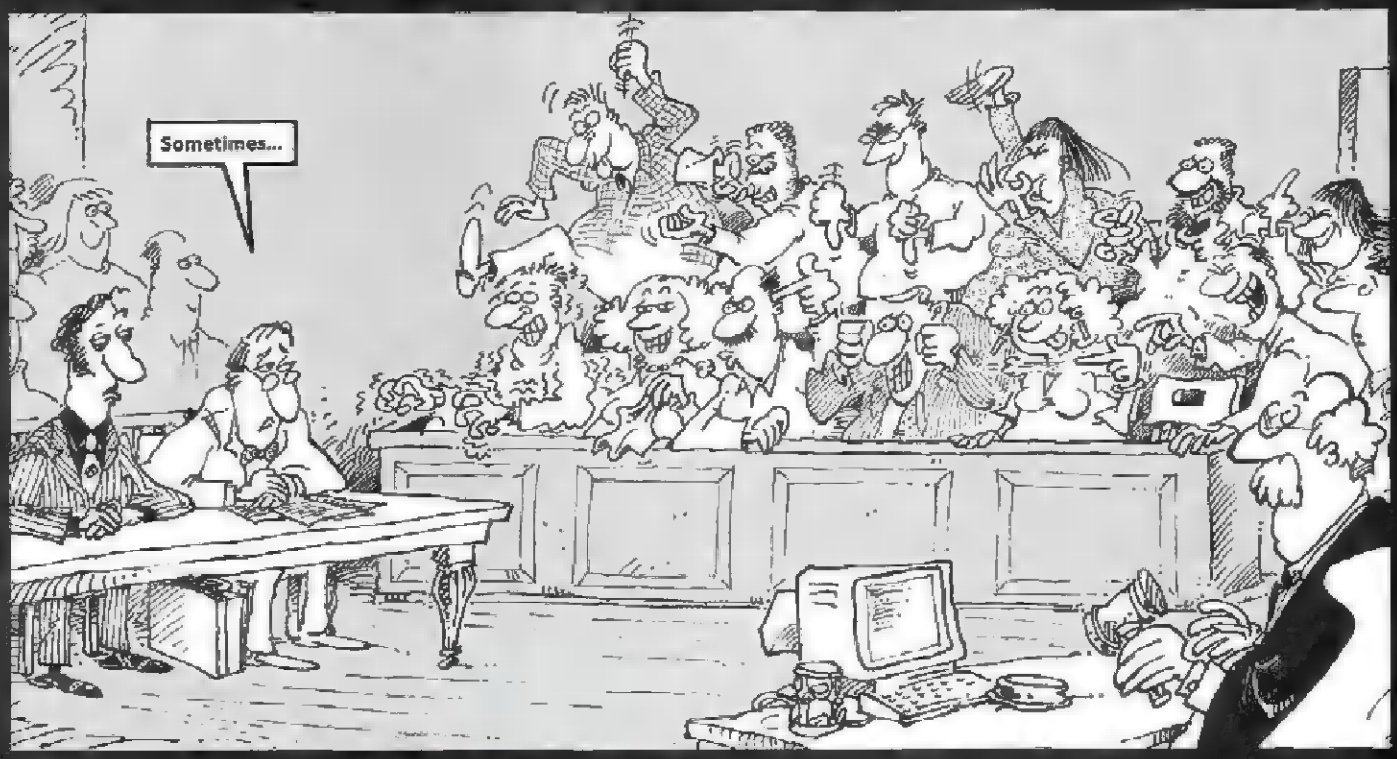

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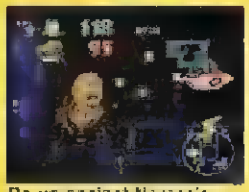
RAISE THE PANIC METER



Go up against Nemesis from Resident Evil*

Challenge a friend in two player mode

TEEN T Cartoon Violence Comic Mischief

UNDER THE SKIN™

You're Cosmi, a mischief-making alien sent on a mission to earth to pull pranks and create chaos. Using the scan gun, you take on the identity of humans and blend in.

At your disposal, you have an arsenal of prank weapons including bad karaoke, throwing tacks, or just a good old stinky fart! So grab your prank weapon and raise the panic meter.

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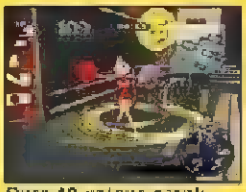

Over 40 unique prank weapons

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FIELD OF SCHEMES DEPT.
WHAT TO SPANKING
When the Baltimore Orioles unveiled Camden Yards in 1992, the stadium received the kind of nauseatingly over-the-top praise usually reserved for Cal Ripken, Jr. Camden was hailed as a one-of-a-kind marvel and quickly inspired even *more* obscenely expensive imitations. Now it seems a gimmick-laden new park opens every year, featuring such monstrosities as swimming pools, rock-climbing walls and, in the case of the Padres' Petco Park, David Wells! Here's...
UNICORP.NET FIELD
SKYVIEW SEATS $5,000.00
The inevitable corporate title — because nothing says "old-fashioned baseball fun" like "Unicorp.net Field."
VICTORIA'S SECRET
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
ALL YOU CAN EAT $53.95
SCORE UPDATE INNING 2G EXPOS 0 ROCKIES 9
ARCADE
A wide array of restaurants, shops and activities — anything to help you forget that you're wasting an evening watching the lowly Rockies play the pathetic Expos.
KARAK
Natural grass fields — because artificial turf has no place in a game filled with doped-up sluggers crushing juiced balls over shortened fences.
ENTRAILS SAUSAGE
Unique features, like a neon liberty bell or racing sausages, that emphasize a team's special relationship with its city — *even though the club would've bolted said city* in a second if they didn't get a new park.
Dozens of luxury boxes that serve all the American ballpark classics: Beaujolais, escargot and sashimi.
TICKETS $95.00
A quaint ballpark atmosphere that transports you back to the 1930s, and ticket prices that rocket you into the 2030s.
A retractable roof which everyone prays won't malfunction again during the 4th of July fireworks display.
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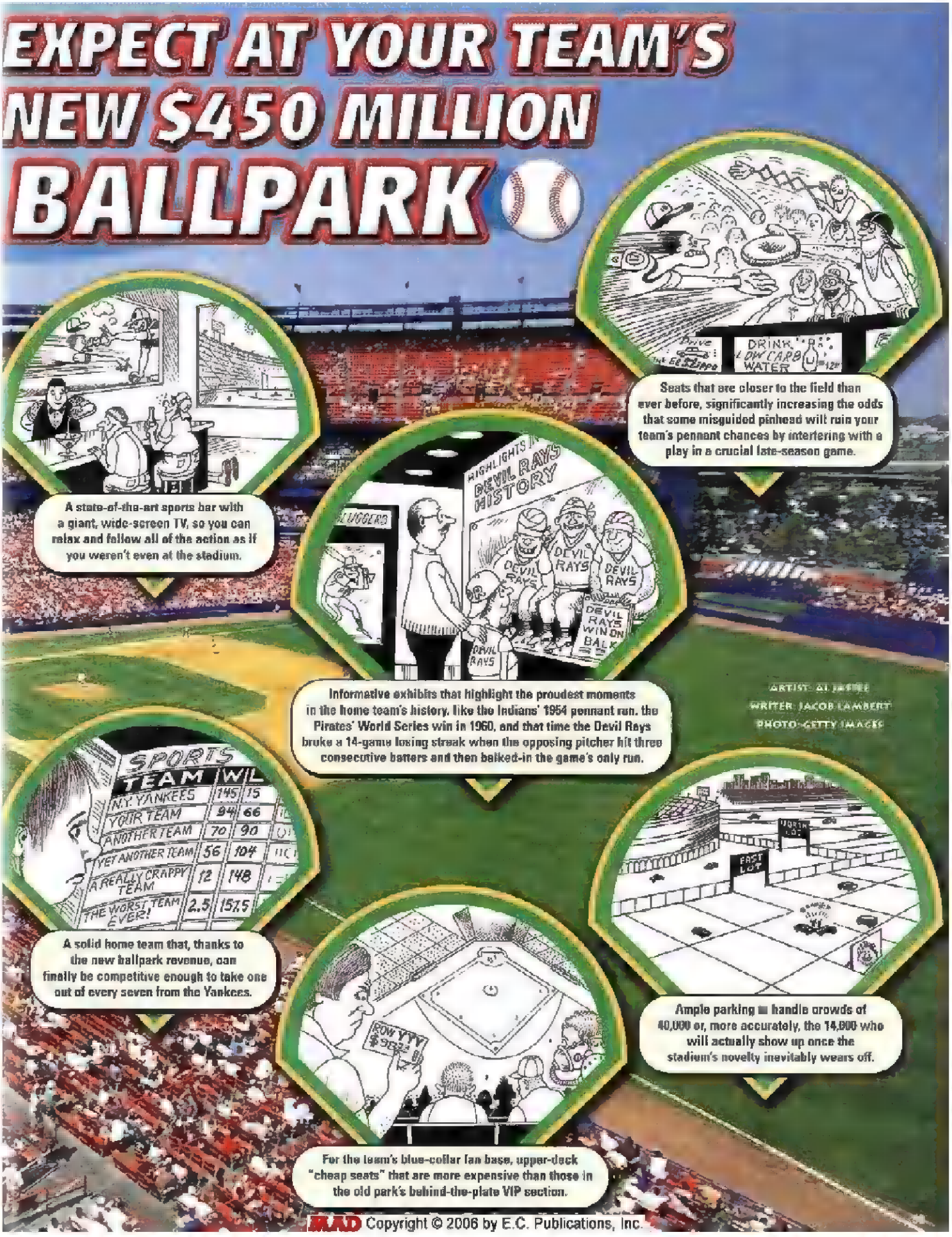
EXPECT AT YOUR TEAM'S NEW $450 MILLION BALLPARK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FAST LOT
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Seats that are closer to the field than ever before, significantly increasing the odds that some misguided pinhead will ruin your team's pennant chances by intertering with a play in a crucial late-season game.

A state-of-the-art sports bar with a giant, wide-screen TV, so you can relax and follow all of the action as if you weren't even at the stadium.

Informative exhibits that highlight the proudest moments in the home team's history, like the Indians' 1954 pennant run, the Pirates' World Series win in 1960, and that time the Devil Rays broke a 14-game losing streak when the opposing pitcher hit three consecutive batters and then balked-in the game's only run.

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE
WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT
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A solid home team that, thanks to the new ballpark revenue, can finally be competitive enough to take one out of every seven from the Yankees.

Ample parking to handle crowds of 40,000 or, more accurately, the 14,000 who will actually show up once the stadium's novelty inevitably wears off.

For the team's blue-collar fan base, upper-deck "cheap seats" that are more expensive than those in the old park's behind-the-plate VIP section.

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BIG MAC ATTACK DEPT.

He's loud, he's ornery and he's got anger management issues that make Mike Tyson look like a social worker! Just the guy you want looking after your kids, right? And certainly the guy you want to watch during family hour! Yeesh! Leave it to the idiots at FOX (the same idiots who bring you *MADtv*) to come up with...

The Burning Mad Show

What's up, America! Let me tell you my story — I live with a smokin' hot woman, I have piles of money and I own all the gadgets and toys a brother could possibly want! I'm living every man's dream...at least, I WAS, until my sister got sent to rehab and stuck me with raising her three bratty kids! Feel sorry for her? No, feel sorry for ME! I'd give every dime I made from *Charlie's Angels 2* to be locked up with a bunch of strung-out crackheads instead of listening to my 15-year-old niece whine about her training bra!

Those kids drive me crazy, so I hide out in here for peace and quiet! I suppose most men my age escape their families by heading to the bathroom, but this is a family show! You wanna see a fella with his drawers around his ankles, you're gonna have to flip on over to *Queer as Folk!*

Anyway, from time to time, we might take a little break in the action so I can address you directly. America! Sure, having me improvise jokes may be a cheap gimmick the writers use to keep from having to come up with good stories, but trust me, after five minutes of our paper-thin plots, you'll be BEGGING for another one of these bits!

"from all-time classic, The Cosby Show"

"from TV Land staple, Sanford and Son"

"from that crappy ABC show, My Wife's Kids or My Kids and Wife or whatever it's called!"

C'mon, I'll introduce you to the family! But first, a little something we stole from *Frasier* — the Bad Pun Title Card!

FOX

Is this one of those sit-coms that isn't taped before a live audience?

No, there's a live audience!

But I don't hear anyone laughing!

And they're attentive, too!

This show reaches across all demographic groups!

Yeah, it appeals to both blacks *and* whites who find *According to Jim* overly complex!

Burning is in the tradition of African-American TV dads like Fred Sanford, Cliff Huxtable and Mike Ryan!

Actually, the way he treats his kids, he's more in the tradition of Archie Bunker, Al Bundy and Tony Soprano!

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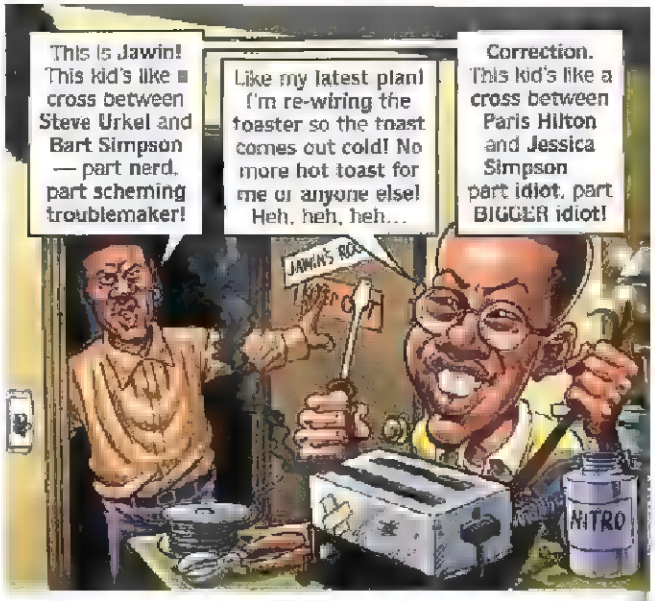
"Family Few"

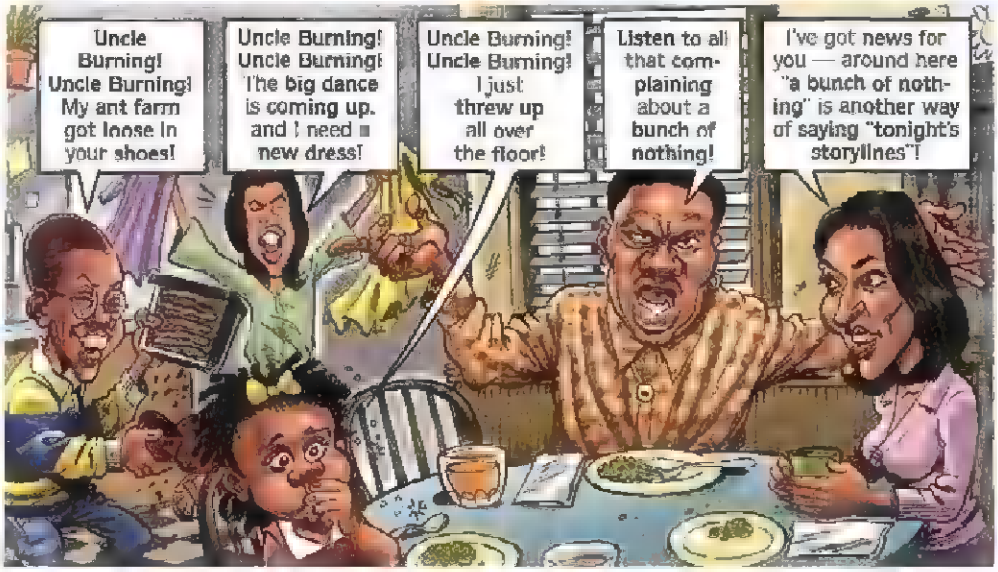
No, that didn't make any sense, but these are harder to come up with than you think...

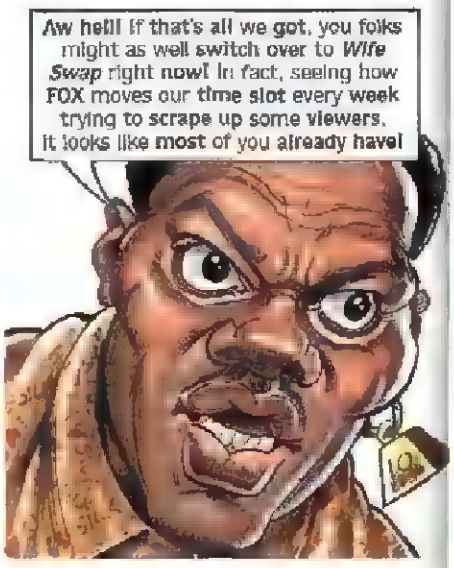
This is Wandabra! She's a sexy, smart, upwardly mobile executive! You gotta wonder why someone as great as her would stay with a loser like me, especially after those kids showed up!
That's easy!! Between your laziness, and their lying and backstabbing, I'm getting the perfect training for surviving the corporate world!


This is Jawin! This kid's like a cross between Steve Urkel and Bart Simpson — part nerd, part scheming troublemaker!
Like my latest plan! I'm re-wiring the toaster so the toast comes out cold! No more hot toast for me or anyone else! Heh, heh, heh...
Correction. This kid's like a cross between Paris Hilton and Jessica Simpson part idiot, part BIGGER idiot!
JAWIN'S ROOM
NITRO

How we doing today, Vanessa?
Terrible! I'm having typical teen girl problems!
Maybe I can help — tell your Uncle Burning!
My boyfriend broke up with me, I'm flunking pre-calc and I can't find a sweater to go with these pants!
So you ain't pregnant, you ain't on drugs and you don't have an eating disorder! Call me when you've got something TYPICAL!
BLING BLING!

This is Breeyawna, the Baby Girl! She's my favorite 'cause she never gives me no trouble!
I just threw up on my bed!
Wandabra, Breeyawna needs you!


Uncle Burning! Uncle Burning! My ant farm got loose in your shoes!
Uncle Burning! Uncle Burning! The big dance is coming up, and I need a new dress!
Uncle Burning! Uncle Burning! I just threw up all over the floor!
Listen to all that complaining about a bunch of nothing!
I've got news for you — around here "a bunch of nothing" is another way of saying "tonight's storylines"!


Aw hell! If that's all we got, you folks might as well switch over to Wife Swap right now! In fact, seeing how FOX moves our time slot every week trying to scrape up some viewers, it looks like most of you already have!

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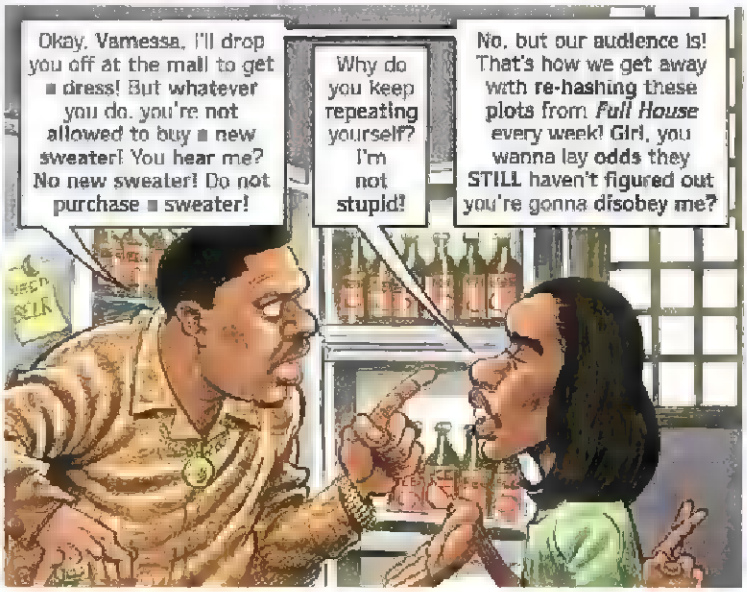
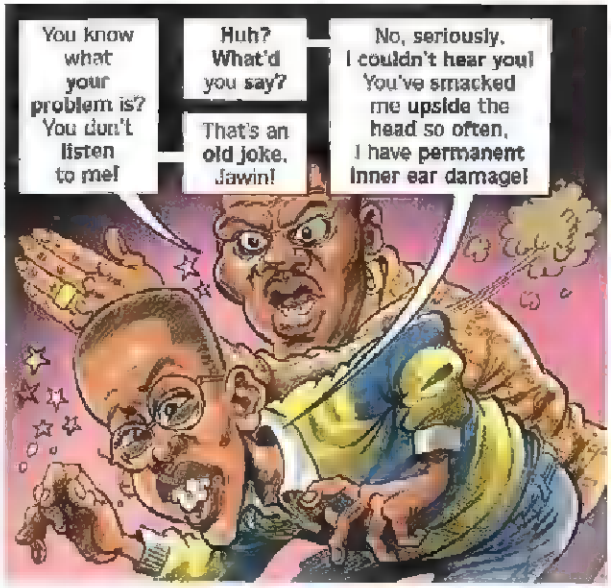
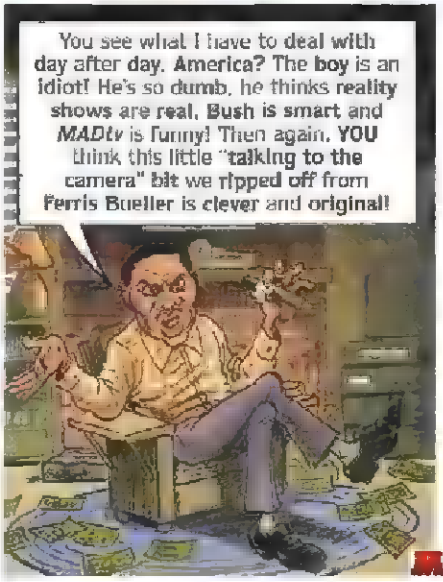
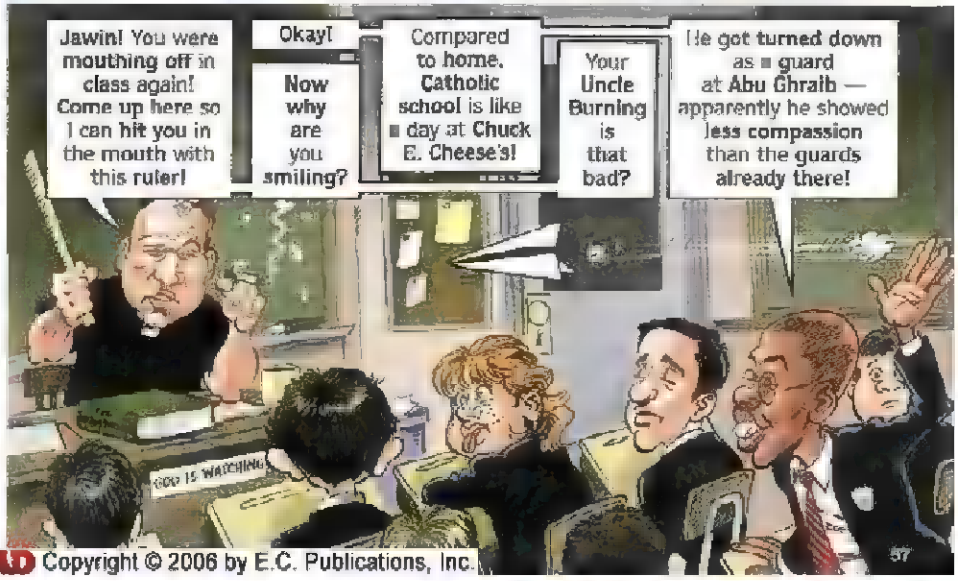

Okay, Vanessa, I'll drop you off at the mall to get a dress! But whatever you do, you're not allowed to buy a new sweater! You hear me? No new sweater! Do not purchase a sweater!
Why do you keep repeating yourself? I'm not stupid!
No, but our audience is! That's how we get away with re-hashing these plots from *Full House* every week! Girl, you wanna lay odds they STILL haven't figured out you're gonna disobey me?

How did your ants get in my shoes?
Not "aunts"! ANTS! Little bugs!
Well, at least I have proof now!
That my sister was hitting the pipe when she was pregnant with you!
Aunt Wandabra's in your shoes?
Aunt Wandabra's a bug?
Proof of what?
MY HERO
"the shoes with the ants— in case you missed it"
"aren't these arrows helpful?"


You know what your problem is? You don't listen to me!
Huh? What'd you say?
That's an old joke, Jawin!
No, seriously, I couldn't hear you! You've smacked me upside the head so often, I have permanent inner ear damage!


You see what I have to deal with day after day, America? The boy is an idiot! He's so dumb, he thinks reality shows are real, Bush is smart and *MADtv* is funny! Then again, YOU think this little "talking to the camera" bit we ripped off from Ferris Bueller is clever and original!


Jawin! You were mouthing off in class again! Come up here so I can hit you in the mouth with this ruler!
Okay!
Now why are you smiling?
Compared to home, Catholic school is like a day at Chuck E. Cheese's!
Your Uncle Burning is that bad?
He got turned down as a guard at Abu Ghraib — apparently he showed less compassion than the guards already there!
GOD IS WATCHING

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"Sweater You Than Me"

"Mall's Well That Ends Well"?

Sorry, that was bad... how about "For Sweater or Worse"?

"Red Sweater Day"?

You know what? I QUIT!

Uncle Burning, do you ever regret taking us on?

No, actually, I'm glad to have you around!

Really?

I'm banking on you *wild-ass* kids keeping me so busy I won't have time to sign on for more garbage like *Head of State*!

How come you drive such a humogous, gas-guzzling SUV?

I grew up in the projects, so my Escalade is a sign that I've risen up. That I've overcome hardships and made it! Besides, it's the only thing on the road with enough headroom to accommodate my Epcot Center-sized 'fro!

MALL

BMW

Hmmm...I don't know why, but I'm always the kid who has to go through a moral dilemma! Like this sweater — on the one hand, Uncle Burning said don't buy one! On the other hand, it's soooo cute! So I'm faced with a major conflict: pink or blue?

Vamessa! What'd I say about buying a new sweater!?

Don't you know that stealing is wrong!?

And you know what's worse than stealing?

Technically, I didn't buy it! You didn't say anything about *shoplifting* a new sweater!

Even if *you're* stealing Bill Cosby's "Put-Upon Black Father Figure" schtick?

What?

Mouthing off to your elders!

America. I have problems! I've got a niece who steals, there's ants running through my house, Jawin keeps getting in trouble at school and Wandabra's so mad at me she won't give me no lovin'! Does it get any worse?

Uncle Burning, I just threw up in your sock drawer!

That's it! I gotta do what I always do when I get into trouble...

...celebrity cameos! Like you, Ray Romano — how do you keep the *Everybody Loves Raymond* kids from driving you nuts?

Simple. They only appear twice a season! Otherwise, they're up in their rooms or at school, or stuck in a well — anywhere but on-camera! We're a "family" show that's about anything *but* family!

Bill Cosby! The legend! Any thoughts you'd like to share?

Today's black comedians don't speak English well!

This from the guy who invented *Mushmouth* and ends every scene by going, "Woobit, wabbit with the bzzrp and the zerbet!"

Sometimes I purse my lips and go "Whoo Jack!"

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Uncle Burning, I'm sorry I stole! I took the sweater back!
And I'm sorry about spilling all those ants! I cleaned them up!
And I'm sorry about throwing up all over the house! I'll stop eating seven McGriddles for breakfast!
Can you believe it, America? Those kids listened to me! They finally listened to me! Can you believe it...?
...of course you can! Because this happens exactly 27 minutes into every episode! They don't listen, I complain they don't listen, then they listen, then I come back here and say, "They listened!" This show is so by-the-numbers predictable, the Naval Observatory sets the atomic clock to it!
BURNING MAD
PLOT TIMELINE
Well, we've wrapped up another episode! I'll just get the door and —
Hello, my brother!
I don't believe it! Kids, come quickly! Your mother's out of rehab! Again!
Hi, Mama!
Thank heavens you're here, Mama! Uncle Burning treats us so badly!
We can't wait to come home and live with you, Mama!
First, you do not address me as "Mama"! You address me as "Miss Whitney Houston"! Secondly, I am here to take you home with me. Oh, the fun we'll have when I sing you my "Allllleeeeeeeee-llllllllll, will always looooooove yooooooouu!" song as a lullaby every...single...night!
Uh-oh...
Hoo-boy...
"Houston, we have a (drug) problem"
Um, Uncle Burning? I think now's a good time to tell you how handsome and great you are!
Aw, you kids are just saying that so you won't have to go with her!
No we aren't! And by the way, we LOVED you in Bad Santa!
And no more Uncle Burning! Say hello to your Uncle Bobby Brown! Now one of you be a doll and call me a cab — Miss Whitney Houston crashed our car into the kitchen!
Yeesh! Talk about out of the frying pan and into the fire! Or in this case, out of the frying pan and into the white-hot flames of a thousand suns!
Well, I think these kids have learned an important lesson: be careful what you wish for, 'cause your sorry ass just might get it! And I've learned the same thing! This is the last time I EVER tell my agent I want to do a sitcom!

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WHAT OBNOXIOUS BORE IS NOTORIOUS FOR ASKING QUESTIONS NO ONE ELSE DOES?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Seems like everywhere we look, some self-important know-it-all is boring us to tears with an endless stream of pointless inquiries. To find out who the worst offender is, fold page in as shown.

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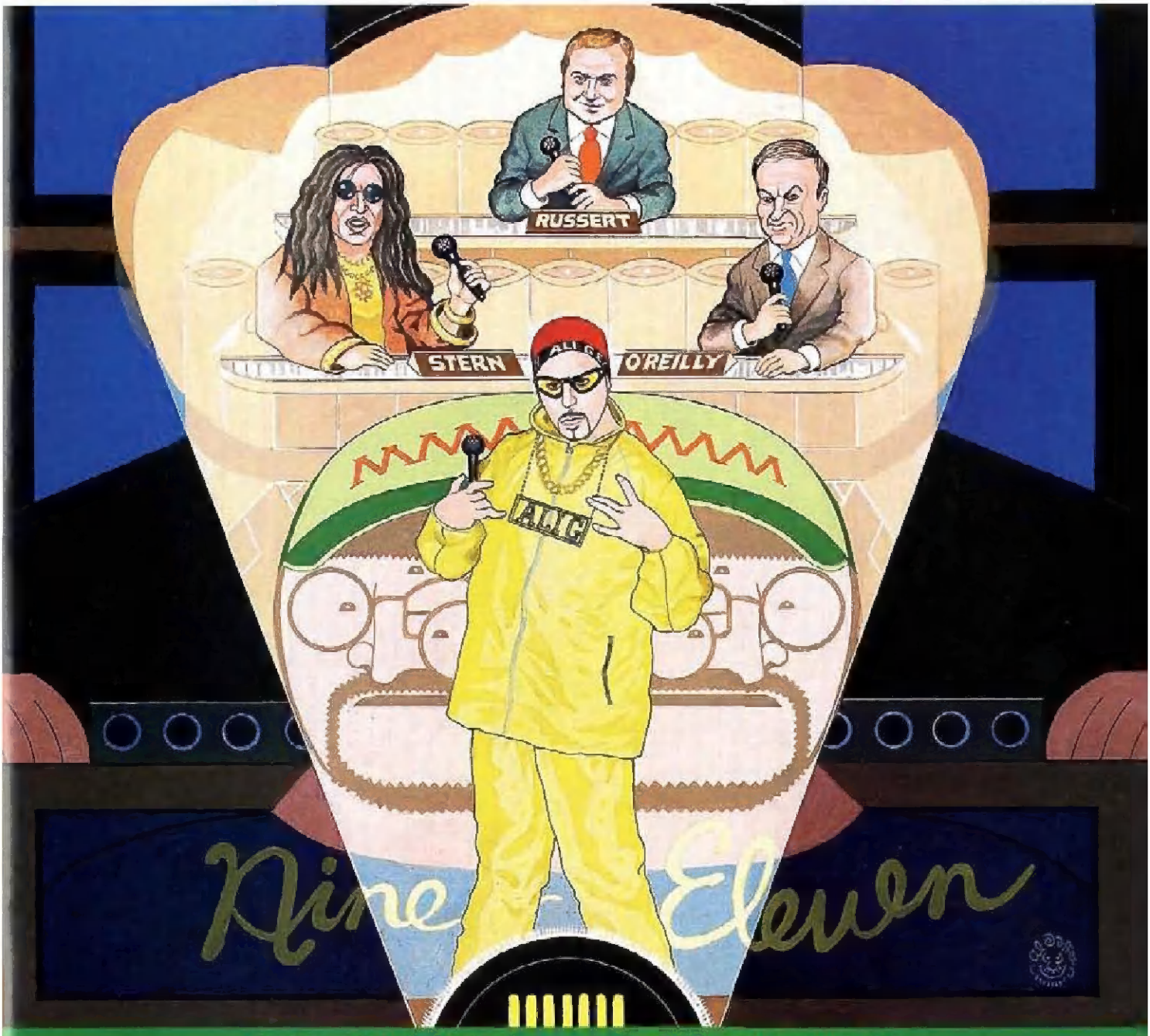

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